

THE
ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT
OF THE
COOCH BEHAR STATE

FOR THE
YEAR 1925-1926.



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No. 957 (a).

To

HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI SAHEBA,
REGENT OF COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 24th August, 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the State for the year 1925-26, to which the several Departmental Reports are attached as usual.

2. *Constitution of the Regency Council.*—The constitution of the Regency Council underwent certain changes during the year under report. Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Revenue Officer and Judicial Member, Regency Council, having died on the 28th of July 1925, Srijiut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar of the State, was, with the approval of the Government of India conveyed in letter No. 1236 P.D., dated the 4th September 1925, from the Government of Bengal to the address of the Political Agent, Cooch Behar State, temporarily appointed to officiate as Revenue Officer and Judicial Member, Regency Council. He was relieved on the 12th of November 1925 by Rai Bahadur Hemendra Lal Khashtgir, M.A., who had recently retired from service under the Government of Behar and Orissa and who has been appointed, with the approval of the Government of India conveyed in letter No. 8363 P., dated the 22nd August 1925, from the Government of Bengal to the address of the Political Agent, Cooch Behar State, Judicial Member of the Regency Council and Revenue Officer of the State for a period of 3 years in the first instance. With the approval of the Government of India communicated by the Political Agent, Cooch Behar State, in his letter No. 852 C, dated the 7th August 1925, Kumar Gojendra Narayan was appointed 5th Member of the Regency Council, with effect from the 22nd August 1925. These were the only changes in the constitution of the Regency Council during 1925-26.

By the death of Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, Revenue Officer and Judicial Member, Regency Council, the State has lost an experienced, and capable officer who served the State well for many years. All the Courts, Offices, Schools and the College remained closed on the 4th August 1925, as a mark of respect to his memory.

3. *Judicial work of the Regency Council.*—The Council held 36 meetings on the Judicial side during the year under review against 33 of

the previous year. The following statement shows the work done by the Regency Council, exercising the functions of a High Court, during 1925-26 :—

NATURE OF CASES.			Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	DISPOSED OF								Total.	Pending at the close of the year.
					Decreed.	Dismissed.	Granted.	Rejected.	Acquitted.	Modified.	Remanded.	Struck off.		
CIVIL.														
Regular appeals (Title)	...	...	3	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Miscellaneous appeals	...	...	2	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	3	5
Miscellaneous special appeals...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Special appeals (Title)	...	...	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Special appeals (Rent)	...	...	3	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	5
Motions	...	...	3	6	1	1	2	4	...	...	...	8	1
CRIMINAL.														
Appeals	...	...	3	11	...	6	...	1	2	2	...	11	3
Motions	...	...	7	8	...	5	1	4	3	...	...	14	1
Miscellaneous cases	...	...	...	5	...	...	2	3	...	...	1	5	...
Reference	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
REVENUE.														
Motions	...	...	3	6	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	3	6
References	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Grand total			28	53	6	23	6	12	5	2	1	1	56	25

4. *Legislative work of the Council.*—The Legislative Council of the State assembled on the 11th July 1925 to consider—

1. Bill No. II of 1920, (The Court of Wards Act).
2. Bill No. XI of 1920, (The Cooch Behar Stamp Act).
3. Bill No. XII of 1920, (The Cooch Behar Court Fees Act).
4. Bill No. II of 1923, (The Cooch Behar Official Secrets Act).

Of the four Bills, the first one went to the Select Committee for reconsideration and the next two to the Member in charge thereof for compilation of figures showing the fees that are being realised now, the fees that will be realisable under the proposed enactment and the fees that are now being realised in British India according to the law in force there. As regards the last mentioned Bill, the sense of the House was that the Bill might be held in abeyance and that the Regency Council on the Executive side be advised to frame simple rules on the lines of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. This question was subsequently dealt with accordingly by the Executive Council as will be seen from paragraph 10 of this Report.

Under Section 4 of Cooch Behar Act, II of 1909 (An Act for the Legislative Council of His Highness the Maharaja), Kumar Nagendra Narayan was appointed, during the year of report, an Additional Member of the Cooch Behar Legislative Council, for a term of 3 years under Section 5 of the aforesaid Act, to represent the Rajguns *vice* Kumar Gojendra Narayan who, by virtue of his being appointed a Member of the Council of Regency, became a Member of the Legislative Council under Section 2(a) of the Act and in consequence ceased to be an Additional Member of the Cooch Behar Legislative Council to represent the Rajguns.

5. *Executive work of the Regency Council.*—On the Executive side of the Regency Council 15 meetings were held against 38 of the previous year. Only important questions which required to be discussed in Council and questions in regard to which there was a difference of opinion were taken up at these meetings. All other questions were disposed of by circulating the papers among members. This system, which makes for the speedy disposal of pending business, worked well and should be continued. The Executive work of the Council is dealt with under the three following heads:—

I.—General.

II.—Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

1—General.

6. *Death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.*—The sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra was received in the State with deep sorrow. Your Highness cabled a message of condolence direct to His Majesty the King-Emperor to which a reply was received by Your Highness. All offices, courts, schools and the College of the State remained closed on the 30th of November 1925, as a mark of respect to the memory of Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra.

7. *Grain Compensation Allowance.*—Owing to the high price of the common staple foodgrain of the State, i. e., rice, State servants who are in receipt of comparatively small pay were granted Grain Compensation Allowance with effect from the 1st April 1925, the system being as follows: When the price of common rice is dearer than 7 seers to the rupee all wholtime servants of the State and the Chaklajat whose pay does not exceed Rs. 15 per mensem, receive Re. 1 per mensem, and those whose pay exceeds Rs. 15 per mensem but does not exceed Rs. 25 per mensem Rs. 2 per mensem. A sum of Rs. 20,000 was provided for the purpose of this Allowance under V.—Miscellaneous (c) Sundries (5) Grain Compensation Allowance in the Budget for 1925-26.

8. *Transfer of the management of the Sani'y Academy to the Education Department of the State.*—With a view to improving the condition of this Academy for the education of girls, in which Your Highness takes a great interest, the management of the Institution, which was an aided one, was transferred to the Education Department of the State, during the year of report. It was decided that the existing Committee of Management should continue to function and assist in giving effect to the decisions of the Council on the various questions involved, and that the standard of the Academy should, for the present, be so raised that it might teach up to the 4th Class of a High English School. A sum of Rs. 10,000 was allotted for providing additional accommodation for the Academy, of which Rs. 5,000 was provided by the State and the balance was met from the funds of the Academy. A Ford Motor Car was also provided for bringing some of the girls to the Academy and taking them back to their homes.

9. *State policy regarding trade and business.*—The Regency Council having reason to believe that the orders of the Council passed in



1891, prohibiting State officials from engaging in trade and commerce, were being contravened, passed orders, during the year of report, that no State official may, without the previous sanction of the Regency Council, engage in any trade or undertake any employment other than his public duties. Menials and, until further orders, Medical Officers and Officers of the Education Department are exempted from the operation of these orders which are based on the orders contained in the Government Servants' Conduct Rules.

10. *Prevention of the leakage of information from State Offices.*—As already stated in paragraph 4 above, the Regency Council, having reason to believe that leakage of information from offices in the State exists, issued orders, during the year of report, based on the orders contained in the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, with a view to preventing the communication of official information to persons not authorised to receive such information, infringement of the orders rendering the State official concerned liable to such punishment as may seem called for in the circumstances of the case including dismissal from State Service.

11. *Rules regulating the grant of advances and loans.*—The Regency Council had under consideration the question of granting advances and loans to State officials and others and the existing orders on the subject, and passed orders, during the year of report, laying down that in future *advances* will be granted only in those cases in which advances are admissible under the Civil Account Code as amended from time to time and that they will be granted subject to the conditions governing advances laid down in the Civil Account Code as amended from time to time. As regards *loans*, ordinarily, applications for loans from private individuals will not be entertained and loans to State officials will be granted only in very exceptional circumstances and on the conditions laid down in the Regency Council Rules for Loans and Advances, dated the 4th April 1925.

12. *Reorganisation of the Public Works Department of the State.*—The proposals (drawn up in consultation with the Superintending Engineer, Nothern Circle, Darjeeling) made by the Vice-President, Regency Council in the General Department of the State, in his letter No. D/41, dated the 28th August 1925, for the reorganisation of the State Public Works Department were sanctioned by the Regency Council with certain modifications. Briefly, the scheme of reorganisation which has been sanctioned is as follows :—

- (a) The appointment of an experienced officer from outside for the post of State Engineer for 3 years in the first instance, on pay according to his qualifications and experience and with Travelling Allowance according to the Civil Service Regulations.
- (b) Creation of two posts of Assistant State Engineer for 3 years in the first instance, the pay of one post being fixed at Rs. 400 per mensem and that of the other at Rs. 300 per mensem.
- (c) The pay of Overseers (4 Upper Subordinates, possessing Overseer certificate qualification, of whom one is to hold the post of Supervisor, Darjeeling Estate, and will be paid from the Darjeeling Estate Budget) to be on the scale 60-5 (Annual increment)—160 Selection grade, one post, 170-10 (Annual increment)—200 per mensem. They will draw a conveyance allowance of Rs. 30 per mensem if considered necessary and Travelling Allowances according to the Civil Service Regulations.

- (d) The pay of Sub-Overseers (9 Lower Subordinates possessing Sub-Overseer certificate qualification, of whom one will be deputed as Overseer, Town Committee, Cooch Behar, and will be paid from the Cooch Behar Town Committee Budget) to be on the scale 40-2 (Annual increment)—80 per mensem. They will draw conveyance allowance at Rs. 15 per mensem if considered necessary and Travelling Allowances according to the Civil Service Regulations.

3 or 4 inspections to be made annually by the Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, Darjeeling, in accordance with the arrangements entered into with Government under Government of India letter No. 125 I. B., dated the 10th January 1905, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal, and which arrangements are still in force.

- (f) Submission of plans and estimates of all works costing Rs. 10,000 and over to the Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, Darjeeling, for scrutiny and technical approval.

- (g) Maintenance of a list of the works administratively approved from time to time by the Regency Council.

It may be stated here that, with the approval of the Government of Bengal conveyed in their letter No. 2326 P, dated the 8th March 1926, to the Political Agent, Cooch Behar State, Rai Sarada Charan Mittra Bahadur, a retired Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Bengal, has been appointed State Engineer with effect from the 24th March 1926 on a salary of Rs. 800 a month with a free house and Travelling Allowances under the State Rules.

As the Public Works Department has been reorganised and the staff strengthened and as the financial situation will be easier in 1926-27 the Regency Council decided, during the year under report, to provide more funds for the Public Works Department during 1926-27 to enable certain important and urgently required works to be carried out during that year. The more important works for which funds have been provided are given below :—

- (1) Rs. 5,000 for the construction of pucca wards in the Sub-Jail at Mekligunj.
- (2) Rs. 8,000 for making certain necessary improvements in the Victoria College buildings.
- (3) Rs. 10,000 for the construction of 2 dispensaries in the Mufasssil. More dispensaries are required in the Mufasssil and these will be provided gradually.
- (4) Rs. 8,500 for the construction of quarters for the Deputy Superintendent of Police at Mathabhanga.
- (5) Rs. 15,000 for the extension of the Public Works Department Office at Cooch Behar. The existing building is too small for present requirements, more especially as the Public Works Department has been reorganised and the staff increased.
- (6) Rs. 20,000 for constructing a house at Cooch Behar for the residence of Her Highness the Dowager Maharani.

- (7) Rs. 25,000 for the construction of a new Power House for the Electrical Department in the Narendra Narayan Park.
- (8) Rs. 5,500 for constructing a *Purca* Dak Bungalow at Mekligunj in place of the existing *Kutcha* building which is in a dilapidated condition.
- (9) Rs. 4,850 for the construction of quarters and a small dispensary for the Itinerant Veterinary Assistant Surgeon whose head quarters are at Mathabhanga.
- (10) Rs. 12,000 for the construction of a Sub-Jail at Tufangunj. This is an urgent work which has been held in abeyance owing to the financial stringency.
- (11) Rs. 80,000 for a water supply scheme for the town of Cooch Behar.
- (12) Rs. 30,000 for certain works at the Palace at Cooch Behar.
- (13) Rs. 40,000 for the reconstruction of the kitchen block with servants quarters at Woodlands, Calcutta. The existing buildings are insanitary and in a dilapidated condition and the State Engineer considers it necessary to reconstruct the buildings.
- (14) Rs. 15,000 for sanitary fittings and arrangements for Woodlands (main building).
- (15) Rs. 50,000 has been provided in the Electrical Department Budget (which is included in "(h) Public Works") for another engine which will be absolutely necessary for the purpose of the water works.

Provision has also been made in the Communication Improvement Fund Budget for 1926-27 for the following public works :—

- (1) Rs. 35,000 for the construction of bridges and culverts.
- (2) Rs. 50,000 for special repairs to roads.

13. *Water Supply Scheme.*—A reference to paragraph 11 of the Annual Administration Report for the year 1924-25 will show that the Regency Council contemplated the installation of a system of pure water supply for the town of Cooch Behar provided that the reports of the experts on the subject were favourable. Mr. G. Bransby Williams, Chief Engineer, Public Health Department, Bengal, who was consulted in the matter, visited Cooch Behar, in this connection, in July 1925, and subsequently submitted a water supply scheme for the town of Cooch Behar which was approved by the Regency Council. The scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 2½ lakhs. It was decided to spread the expenditure over two years—Rs. 1½ lakhs being provided in 1926-27, and Rs. 1½ lakhs in 1927-28. It was also decided that a sum of Rs. 45,000 would be appropriated from the accumulated surplus of the Pound Fund towards the capital cost of the scheme, and that a sum of Rs. 80,000 would be provided for the scheme in the Budget for 1926-27, thus making up the total sum of Rs. 1,25,000 sanctioned for expenditure during 1926-27. The north-west portion of the Narendra Narayan Park, which is in the centre of the town, has been selected for the location of the water works and Power House. A provision of Rs. 25,000 has been made in the Public Works Department Budget, Ordinary, for 1926-27, for the construction of the new Power

House. The whole scheme will be carried out under the supervision and direction of the Chief Engineer, Public Health Department, Bengal. The proposals of the Chief Engineer, Public Health Department, Bengal, in connection with rural water supply were also approved by the Regency Council, and an experiment is being carried out in the shape of sinking tube wells in 25 Taluks (villages) close to Cooch Behar town with a view to seeing, after the experiment has been given a proper trial, whether it will be feasible to introduce a tube well scheme on a large scale throughout the State with a view to providing the population in the Mufassil with a good water supply so far as may be possible.

14. *Extension of the supply of Electrical current in the town of Cooch Behar.*—Schemes for extending the supply of Electrical current in the town of Cooch Behar and the purchase of additional machinery came up for the consideration of the Regency Council during the year of report. As the expenditure involved was heavy and as the question was a technical one, it was thought advisable to get expert advice in the matter before arriving at any decision. The Political Agent for the State was accordingly requested in letter No. 1385, dated the 20th August 1925 (General Department), to move the Government of Bengal to permit the Council to consult the Electrical Adviser to Government in regard to the scheme. As there was some delay in receiving the requisite permission and as the question was urgent, it was subsequently decided to consult Messrs Octavius Steel and Company, Calcutta, in the matter. They were requested to send a representative to Cooch Behar who was to draw up a detailed report and scheme for the consideration of the Regency Council after a study of local conditions and requirements. The report submitted by Mr. C. C. Eastgate, a representative of the firm, was received in the middle of March 1926. A sum of Rs. 50,000 was provided in the Electrical Department Budget for 1926-27 to give effect, in part, to Mr. Eastgate's scheme.

15. *Reorganisation of the Cooch Behar town Fire Brigade.*—As the arrangements for dealing with fires in the town of Cooch Behar were wholly inadequate for the purpose, the Regency Council sanctioned a scheme for the reorganisation of the town Fire Brigade submitted by the Vice-President, Regency Council in the General Department. The scheme is briefly as follows:—

1. The purchase of a Dennis Motor Trailer Pump (as used by the Calcutta Fire Brigade) which is connected to, and drawn by, a Motor Lorry.
2. The purchase of a One-ton Ford Lorry Chassis fitted with a body specially designed by the Chief Officer of the Calcutta Fire Brigade.
3. The construction of a garage for housing the Ford Lorry and Trailer Pump.
4. A crew of seven men drawn from the Police Force, who will be trained with the Calcutta Fire Brigade.

The whole scheme was drawn up in consultation with Captain B. A. Westbrooke, Chief Officer, Calcutta Fire Brigade, to whom the Regency Council are greatly indebted for the trouble he has taken and is taking to help and advise the Council in reorganising the Fire Brigade.

The non-recurring charges of the scheme amount to Rs. 13,680 and will be met as follows :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
1. From the Cooch Behar Town Committee	5,500	0	0
2. From the accumulated surplus of the Chaukidari Fund	5,500	0	0
3. From the accumulated surplus of the Pound Fund	2,680	0	0
Total ...	13,680	0	0

The recurring charges amount to Rs. 1,074 per annum and will be met by the Cooch Behar Town Committee.

16. *Resettlement*.—As stated in last year's report, the Regency Council's proposals for the resettlement of the land revenue of the State were forwarded to the Political Agent for his concurrence on the 4th April 1925, with a letter which reviewed at length all the questions requiring consideration.

The Regency Council had proposed to offer alternatives of a settlement for 99 years and of a settlement for 30 years, the former offer involving higher rates of revenue than the latter in the case of seven out of the fifteen classes of land. Their sole reason for proposing a 99 years settlement was that His Highness, the late Maharaja, had decided and publicly announced that the settlement about to be concluded would be for 99 years. After careful consideration of the proposals of the Regency Council, His Excellency the Governor of Bengal in Council was satisfied that a settlement for 99 years would not be in the interests of the Ruling Family, of the Joteders or of the under-tenants, and he was unable, therefore, to agree to it. His Excellency in Council, however, accepted the alternative proposal for a 30 years settlement and all the other proposals of the Regency Council. The orders of Government were received at the end of June 1925, and the final orders of the Regency Council were published, both in English and Bengali, in two successive issues of the State Gazette (dated the 13th July 1925, and 27th July 1925) for general information. Copies of the notification were forwarded to the Settlement Officer, the Revenue Officer, the Civil Judge, the Naib Ahilkars and the Sub-Registrars of the State for information and guidance.

The final orders may be summarized as follows. Fuller details will be found in the Report appended from the Vice-President Regency Council in the Settlement Department :—

- (1.) The period of the settlement about to be concluded shall be for 30 years ; but this period shall not apply to *p.yasti* lands, lands in towns and Bunders and new settlements of State *khas* lands.
- (2.) The provisional rates of assessment per bigha for the first three classes of ordinary cultivated land sanctioned on the 10th April 1922, and published in the State Gazette dated the 12th April 1922, are confirmed, (*i. e.*, the old rates for these classes are enhanced by 3 annas in the rupee). The old rates for all the other 12 classes of land are left unaltered. In the case of the special tracts (Girds Chowra, Sandara and Bilat Bisguri) the rates for all classes of land except culturable and unculturable fallow shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of the rates applicable to Jotes in the ordinary tracts.
- (3.) The rates and the period of settlement mentioned above for *Mal* and *Debutter Mahals* shall apply to the holdings in *Mokarari* and *Lakheraj Estates*.

- (4.) Fair and equitable rents shall be settled for all grades of under-tenants, including the *Krishiprajas* (illegally settled under-tenants now recognised under the title of cultivating raiyats) on the basis of the classification of the soil and as far as possible according to the scale of profits hitherto in force and now slightly modified in order to provide for the cases of *Krishiprajas* (*vide* (5) below). In the cases, however, in which the rents paid are in excess of the rents payable in accordance with the sanctioned scale of profits the procedure laid down below shall be followed :—

Where the existing contractual rent of an undertenure exceeds the rent calculated under the sanctioned scale of profits but does not exceed double that rent, the immediately superior landlord shall be allowed either the existing profit or a profit of 50 % in excess of that admissible under the sanctioned scale, whichever is less. Where, however, the contractual rent exceeds double the rent calculated under the sanctioned scale of profits, the immediately superior landlord shall be allowed double the sanctioned profit, provided that the contractual rent has been realised for more than 10 years, the burden of proving which shall be on the landlord. Failing such proof, the landlord shall be allowed a profit only 50 per cent in excess of that admissible under the sanctioned scale of profits.

In the case of under-tenants, where the existing rent is less than the rent payable under the sanctioned scale of profits, it shall be raised to the amount admissible under the sanctioned scale of profits.

In the case of all future settlements of under-tenants as also those not shown in the record-of-rights now under preparation, the rates of profit shall be limited to the sanctioned scale, and future settlements in contravention of the provisions of the Tenancy Act and of the Notification dated the 11th July 1925, containing these orders shall be annulled and the lease of the creator of such undertenure shall be liable to be cancelled or he may be liable to a fine.

- (5.) In the case of the illegally settled tenants (*Krishiprajas*), all such tenancies discovered in the course of the present revisional operations shall be recognised. Where more than one grade of such tenancies exists those of the lowest grade alone shall be recognised and the rights of the intermediate illegal tenants shall be recognised in respect only of the areas in their *khas* possession. The percentages of profits shall be the same as in the case of the legal under-tenants of the corresponding grades. If any *Krishipraja* be found under a *Tasya-tali-chukaniflar* the percentage of profit shall be raised to 65 in the case of such a tenancy.

- (6.) Pattas and Kabuliyats shall be presented for registration within 6 months from the date of creation of a tenancy. Failure to comply with this order shall be punishable with a monthly fine and no such document shall be accepted for registration after the expiry of 12 months from the date of creation of a tenancy.

The calculation of rents and revenue was started immediately after the issue of these orders and was completed during the year under report.

According to the recommendation of the Director of Land Records and Surveys, Bengal, the Ekwai-Jamabandis (rent and revenue rolls) were published at convenient centres from the 20th November 1925 till the end of the year, and objections made to any entry in the Ekwai-Jamabandi, or omission therefrom, were received during that period. Some of these objections were disposed of by the Assistant Settlement Officers during the year. The Resettlement Notification, dated the 8th July 1925, containing the provisions regarding the publication of Ekwai-Jamabandis and the disposal of objections and appeals was published, both in English and Bengali, in the State Gazette (Extraordinary) dated the 9th July 1925, and in the Gazettes dated the 13th July 1925, and 27th July 1925. In that Notification it was announced that, in view of the ignorance generally of the illegally settled tenants, the Regency Council proposed, as a matter of grace, to waive the claim to the stamp fee of Rs. 5 per *hal* or portion of a *hal* prescribed in the State Council Notification, dated the 2nd May 1918, for the recognition of the rights of those tenants.

17. *Cooch Behar Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition and Cattle Show* — An Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition, together with a Cattle Show, was held at Cooch Behar, in March 1926 under Your Highness' patronage. This is the second Exhibition of the kind held in Cooch Behar, the first having been held so far back as in 1893. The opening ceremony was performed by Your Highness on the 9th March 1926, in the presence of a distinguished assembly including His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur and the Maharajkumar and Maharajkumaris. The Exhibition lasted for ten days and drew large crowds of visitors. Every attempt was made to make it as interesting and instructive as possible and the Police Sports and the Bioscope and Jatra performances, which were held on the Exhibition ground, provided additional amusements for the large crowds which daily flocked to the Exhibition. Exhibits were received both from the State and from different parts of Bengal, Bihar and United Provinces. Among the Agricultural exhibits were vegetable products, grown in the various gardens in the State and others exhibited by the Agricultural Department of Bengal. Among Industrial exhibits the most interesting were silks, embroidery, khadder, endi, muga, Dacca muslins and cloths, brassware and utensils, ivory works and jewellery. Weaving demonstrations in looms were given by the Plassey Silk Factory, the Santipur Weaving Factory, the Tipkai Weaving Factory and the Dacca Abdullapur Weaving Factory. The Bengal Agricultural Department gave practical demonstration of the manufacture of butter. The Department of Public Health and the Social Service Federation deputed officers and representatives who gave addresses on social and hygienic subjects, which were listened to with attention. The Cattle Show was largely attended and Officers of the Civil Veterinary Department, Bengal, gave addresses on the subject of the improvement of cattle.

The arrangements left nothing to be desired and reflected great credit on the Managing Committee and the organisers. The Exhibition was a complete success and fulfilled its object of giving ocular demonstration to the backward population of the State of the great development in agricultural and industrial methods and appliances, and of stimulating among them a healthy spirit of competition and enterprise. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 14,717 towards which the State made a grant

of Rs. 2,000; the balance was met by subscriptions and donations raised by the Committee and the sale proceeds of bioscope tickets and of building and other materials auctioned at the close of the Exhibition.

18. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The total rainfall recorded at Cooch Behar town during the year under report, was 126.90 inches against 162.13 inches of the previous year or a decrease of 35.23 inches. Paragraph 12 of the Annual Report of the Revenue Department for the year 1925-26, appended, shows in detail the effect of the rainfall on the several crops.

19. *Debutter Department.*—The total sum disbursed in the Debutter Department amounted to Rs. 54,068 against Rs. 60,905 of the previous year or a decrease of Rs. 6,837. Details are shown under Section IV of the aforesaid Annual Report for 1925-26, submitted by the Revenue Officer.

20. *Pooneah Ceremony for 1332 B. S.*—The Pooneah Ceremony for the year 1332 B. S. was performed on the 4th, 5th and 6th of May 1925, by Babu Jagadballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Revenue Officer. As His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur was absent from the State, the Pooneah Darbar was not held.

II.—Financial.

21. The Revenue (actual) of the year 1925-26 amounted to Rs. 38,66,879 against Rs. 37,84,658 anticipated in the Revised Budget of the year or an increase of Rs. 82,221, and the Expenditure (actual) to Rs. 40,61,381 against Rs. 41,80,395 provided in the Revised Budget of the year or a decrease of Rs. 1,19,014. The anticipated deficit of Rs. 3,95,737 in the Revised Budget for 1925-26 was thus reduced to Rs. 1,94,502.

The Revenue of the year under report showed a decrease of Rs. 40,186 and the expenditure an increase of Rs. 3,29,910 over the Revenue (Rs. 39,07,065) and the Expenditure (Rs. 37,31,471) of the previous year.

The decrease of Rs. 40,186 in Revenue is due to decreases under:—

I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—				Rs.
(a)	Sundries	...	...	15,343
III.—MISCELLANEOUS.—				
(d)	Public Works	...	...	8,079
(e)	Sundries	...	...	18,276
VI.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—				
(a)	Darjeeling Estate	...	...	4,216
(b)	Chakrajat Estates	...	...	1,16,415

There are, on the other hand, increases in Revenue, particularly under:—

I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—				Rs.
(b)	Stamp	...	...	4,399
(c)	Excise	...	...	4,975
III.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
(b)	Jail	...	...	26,321
IV.—DEBUTTER				
		...	...	3,560
V.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY				
		...	...	63,343
VI.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—				
(c)	Panga Estate	...	...	47,800

The increase of Rs. 3,29,910 in Expenditure is due to increases under various heads, notably under :—

II.—ADMINISTRATION.—

				Rs.
1. Control	...	...	...	31,425
2. General	...	...	...	1,27,403
3. Revenue	...	...	...	29,072
IV. DEBUTTER	...	...	...	7,343
V. MISCELLANEOUS	...	...	...	9,554
VI. COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY	...	...	...	14,959
IX. REPAYMENT OF DEBTS	...	...	...	1,09,269
(Repayment of Debts has been dealt with separately in paragraph 22).				

DEPOSIT WITH THE EASTERN BENGAL RAILWAY
FOR CAPITAL WORKS

9,315

Decrease in Expenditure is noticeable under :—

III.—STATE CEREMONIAL DEPARTMENT ... Rs. 38,925

The details are given in the annexed Statement I furnished by the Audit Officer.

22. *Repayment of Debts*—During the year under report a sum of Rs. 11,34,250 was expended in repayment of debts against a budget provision of Rs. 6,50,000 for this purpose and an expenditure of Rs. 10,24,981 on this account in the previous year. The payment of Rs. 4,84,250 in excess of the Budget provision was rendered possible by the favourable Cash Balance. The liabilities of the State at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 4,56,291 made up as follows :—

	Rs.
1. Balance due to the Bank of Baroda on account of the 6 lakh loan raised in 1924, (Interest is @ 6½ per cent per annum) ...	3,64,196
2. Due to the Imperial Bank of India on account of certain loans taken by the late Maharaja...	56,780
3. Due to Messrs Lalbhai Kalyanbhai, Bombay ...	28,147
4. Due to Giridharimal Boid, Cooch Behar, on account of interest on a claim of Rs. 20,000 which has been paid ...	3,190
5. Certain old English debts which came to light in 1924 ...	630
6. Certain old Indian debts which came to light in 1925, and money due to Messrs Sander-son and Company, Solicitors, Calcutta ...	3,398
Total ...	4,56,291

As has been stated in the concluding paragraph of this Report, a sum of Rs. 5,00,000 has been provided in the Budget for 1926-27 under IX—Repayment of Debts to pay off the balance of the State debts during 1926-27.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

23. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The following statement shows the result of the working of the line during 1925-26, as compared with 1924-25 :—

			For the year	
			1924-25.	1925-26.
			Rs.	Rs.
Gross earnings ...	...	...	4,29,833	4,63,076
Working expenses ...	...	...	1,97,914	2,12,873
Net earnings ...	...	...	2,31,919	2,50,203
Percentage of working expenses over gross earnings ...			46.05	45.96

24. *Municipalities.*—The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees of the State during the year 1925-26 :—

			RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
			Rs.	Rs.
Cooch Behar ...	...	...	50,012	62,202
Dinhata ...	...	...	9,433	8,718
Mathabhanga ...	...	...	7,238	5,771
Haldibari ...	...	...	9,606	13,179

25. In the Budget Estimates for the year 1926-27 the Revenue has been estimated at Rs. 39,03,595 and the Expenditure at Rs. 37,55,270 leaving a surplus of Rs. 1,48,325. A provision of Rs. 5,00,000 has been made under IX—Repayment of Debts to pay off the balance of the State debts.

We have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servants,

C. T. C. PLOWDEN,

MAJOR,

Vice-President.

VICTOR N. NARAYAN,

Maharajkumar, Member.

H.L. KHASTGIR,

Revenue Officer, Judicial Member.

KUMAR G. NARAYAN,

Member.

I.—Statement showing the comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the Cooch Behar State for the years 1924-25 and 1925-26.

REVENUE.	Actuals for 1924-25.	Actuals for 1925-26.	Difference.		EXPENDITURE.	Actuals for 1924-25.	Actuals for 1925-26.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.				Increase.	Decrease.
I.—General Revenue.—									
a. Land Revenue	19,01,917	19,04,655	2,738	.....	I.—Civil List	3,43,285	3,43,300	15	.....
b. Stamps	3,26,786	3,31,185	4,399	.....	II.—Administration.—	.....	.....	.....	.....
c. Excise	2,24,736	2,29,711	4,975	.....	1. Control	34,766	66,191	31,425	.....
d. Interest on Loans and Investments	2,378	2,369	.....	9	2. General	7,40,820	8,68,223	1,27,403	.....
e. Sandries	31,340	15,997	.....	15,343	3. Revenue	2,60,776	2,93,848	29,072	.....
Total	24,87,157	24,83,917	.....	3,240	4. Law and Justice	72,057	75,143	3,086	.....
II.—Law and Justice.—					Total Adn.	11,08,419	12,99,405	1,90,986	.....
a. Civil and Sessions Court	501	1,051	550	.....	III.—State Ceremonial Department	1,60,385	1,21,480	.....	38,925
b. Registration	19,688	21,962	2,274	.....	IV.—Debuter	78,317	85,660	7,343	.....
Total	20,189	23,023	2,834	.....	V.—Miscellaneous	4,77,393	4,86,947	9,554	.....
III.—Miscellaneous.—					VI.—Cooch Behar State Railway	1,97,914	2,12,873	14,959	.....
a. Criminal Justice	7,840	7,022	.....	818	VII.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—	.....	.....	.....	.....
b. Jail	20,660	46,981	26,321	.....	a. Darjeeling Estate	42,253	45,745	3,487	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts	30,452	28,043	.....	2,409	b. Chakrajat Estates	2,98,057	2,98,057	4,411	.....
d. Public Works	38,436	30,357	.....	8,079	c. Panga Estate	2,93,646	19,496	.....	.....
e. Sandries.	33,936	16,660	.....	18,276	VIII.—Reserve Fund	3,35,904	3,63,298	27,394	.....
Total	1,31,324	1,28,063	.....	3,261	IX.—Repayment of Debts	.....	11,34,250	1,09,269	.....
IV.—Debuter	1,62,336	1,65,896	3,560	.....	Total Expenditure	37,26,598	40,47,193	3,20,595	.....
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	4,29,833	4,63,076	33,243	.....	Deposit with E. B. Railway for Railway Capital works.	.....	14,188	9,315	.....
VI.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—					Total	37,31,471	40,61,381	3,29,910	.....
a. Darjeeling Estate	84,177	79,951	.....	4,216	Surplus	1,75,594	.....	.....	.....
b. Chakrajat Estates	5,92,049	4,75,634	.....	1,16,415	Grand total—Expenditure	39,07,065	40,61,381	1,54,316	.....
c. Panga Estate	.....	47,309	47,309	.....				
Total	6,76,226	6,02,904	.....	73,322					
Total Revenue	39,07,065	38,66,879	.....	40,186					
Deficit	.....	1,94,502	.....	.....			
Grand total—Revenue	39,07,065	40,61,381	1,54,316	.....				

AUDIT DEPARTMENT, COOCH BEHAR

The 17th August 1926.

S. R. MAJUMDAR,

Audit Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

MAJOR C. T. C. PLOWDEN, I. A.,
VICE-PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
COOCH BEHAR.

TO

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 13th August 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1925-1926 of the Departments under my charge.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Charge.—Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M. A., B. L., was in charge of the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office throughout the year.

2. The names of officers who held charge of the subordinate Criminal Courts and the changes which took place during the year under review are mentioned below :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Names of Naib Ahilkar.	Period of remaining in charge.	Names of Additional Naib Ahilkar.	Period of remaining in charge.
Sudder	Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M. A., B. L., Treasury Officer, (1st class Magistrate).	Throughout the year.	.....	.....
	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	Throughout the year.	.....	.....
	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From 3rd February 1926 to 31st March 1926.	.....	.....
	Srijut Sushil Kumar Chakrabarti, M. A., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 2nd October 1925.	.....	.....
	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From 3rd October 1925 to 2nd February 1926.	.....	.....
Tufangunj	Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 23rd February 1926.	.....	.....
	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 24th February 1926 to 31st March 1926.	.....	.....
Dinhata	Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	Throughout the year	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L. Addl. Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 2nd October 1925 and from 7th February 1926 to 23rd February 1926.
Mathabhang	Srijut Uma Nath Dutt, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	Throughout the year	Srijut Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar.	Throughout the year.
Mekligunj	Manlavi Basley Rahaman, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	Throughout the year		

3. *Bench of Honorary Magistrates at Haldibari.*—Mr. T. McMurphy held charge of the office of the Chairman of the Haldibari Bench throughout the year.

There were altogether 17 sittings of the Bench in the year against 23 of the previous year showing a decrease of 6 sittings.

The following table shows the attendance of the members of the Bench :—

Names of Magistrates.			No. of days present.
Mr. T. McMurphy	...	...	17
Srijut Mohini Kumar Bagchi	...	...	1
Munshi Dhajaruddin Pradhan	...	...	16

Srijut Mohini Kumar Bagchi left the jurisdiction of the State and proposals have been made to appoint another member in his place.

Forty-seven cases (40 cognizable and 7 non-cognizable) were tried by the Bench during the year against 37 of the previous year showing an increase of 10 cases.

The following table shows the details of cases received by the Bench from different sources during the past three years :—

Year.	From Mekligunj Court.	From Haldibari P. S.	From Haldibari Town Committee.	Total.
1923-24	...	31	13	44
1924-25	...	28	9	37
1925-26	...	40	7	47

4. *Criminal statistics.*—The following table shows the number of cases, cognizable and non-cognizable, instituted in the past three years :—

YEAR.	Offences.		Total.
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	
1923-24	1350	1018	2368
1924-25	1297	1034	2331
1925-26	1389	1207	2596

The total number of cases during the year was 2596 against 2331 of the preceding year showing an increase of 265 cases.

5. *Cognizable and Non-cognizable crimes.*—The following table shows the number and variety of offences reported during the year as compared with those of the previous year :—

CLASS OF OFFENCE.	Cognizable Statement A, Part I.				Non-cognizable Statement B, Part I.			
	1924-25.	1925-26.	Increase.	Decrease.	1924-25.	1925-26.	Increase.	Decrease.
I. Offences against the State	35	47	12	...	80	35	...	45
II. Serious offences against persons	60	85	25	...	...	...	...	...
III. Do. against property	570	575	5	...	5	5	...	...
IV. Minor offences against persons	18	18	...	...	342	379	37	...
V. Do. against property	392	381	...	11	289	321	31	...
VI. Other offences	222	283	61	...	274	323	49	...
Cases under Special & Local Laws	...	...	...	...	108	144	41	...
Total	1,297	1,389	103	11	1,034	1,207	213	45

The following statement gives the result of the past 3 years as regards persons brought to trial, convicted, acquitted or otherwise disposed of :—

Particulars.	1922-1924.			1924-1925.			1925-1926.		
	Cognis- able.	Non- cognis- able.	Total.	Cognis- able.	Non- cognis- able.	Total.	Cognis- able.	Non- cognis- able.	Total.
Number of cases dealt with including pend- ing cases of the preceding year.	1,489	1,203	2,694	1,895	1,169	2,564	1,464	1,311	2,774
Number of persons brought to trial	1,570	1,130	2,700	1,477	1,073	2,480	1,316	1,362	2,678
Convicted	498	242	735	612	354	966	573	457	1,030
Released	787	166	953	381	173	554	330	148	478
Otherwise disposed of	89	620	709	254	480	734	277	662	939
Pending at the close of the year	201	102	303	160	66	226	206	95	301
Percentage of convictions to total number of persons tried.	31.51	59.31	43.54	61.63	67.17	63.55	63.45	75.53	68.3

6. *Cases not enquired into.*—Under section 157 (b) of the Criminal Procedure Code, the Police refused to investigate 220 cases during the year under report against 167 of the previous year.

7. *Abstract of heinous offences :—*

Murder.—Four cases of murder against 6 of the previous year were reported during the year. Three cases remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 7 cases, one ended in conviction, one in acquittal, 3 were not detected, one was declared non-cognizable and one remained pending at the close of the year.

Culpable homicide.—Five cases of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against 2 of the previous year were reported during the year. Together with one case which remained pending at the close of the preceding year, there were six cases, of which two ended in conviction, one in acquittal, two were not detected and one remained pending at the close of the year.

Dacoity.—Fifteen cases of dacoity were reported during the year against 30 of the previous year. Together with the 6 cases that remained pending at the close of the preceding year, there were 21 cases to be dealt with during the year. Of these, one of the old cases ended in conviction and another in acquittal, 13 cases were not detected, 2 were reported to be false and 4 remained pending at the close of the year.

Rape.—There were 5 cases of rape reported during the year against 2 of the year previous. One case remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 6 cases, two ended in conviction and 4 remained pending at the close of the year.

Unnatural offences.—There was one case against nil of the previous year, which ended in conviction.

Robbery.—Five cases of robbery against 13 of the previous year were reported during the year. Together with the one case which remained pending at the close of the preceding year, there were thus altogether 6 cases, of which 3 were reported to be false and 3 were not detected.

Kidnapping.—Eighteen cases were reported during the year against 15 of the previous year. Two cases remained pending at the close of preceding year. Of these 20 cases, 4 ended in conviction, 2 were reported to be false, 1 was declared non-cognizable, 1 not detected, 5 were acquitted, and seven remained pending at the close of the year.

Arson cases.—Six cases were reported during the year against 4 of the previous year. One case remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 7 cases, 2 were declared false, 4 were not detected and one remained pending at the close of the year.

8. The following table shows the number of appeals preferred during the year with their results :—

Names of officers.	Total No. of persons convicted.	Total No. of Appeals	Order confirmed.	Appeal rejected.	Order modified.	Order reversed.	Pending.
<i>Sudder.</i>							
Brijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, Foudari Ahilkar ...	3	3	1	...	2	...	...
" Narat Chandra Ghosal, Treasury Officer ...	33	16	5	...	8	2	1
" Nagendra Nath Roy, Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	7	7	3	...	3	1	...
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Maloutchery Naib Ahilkar.	5	2	...	...	...	2	...
<i>Tufangunj.</i>							
Brijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	31	12	2	...	6	6	...
<i>Dinkata.</i>							
Brijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar ...	7	7	4	...	2	1	...
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	3	2	...	...	1	1	...
<i>Mathabhanga.</i>							
Brijut Uma Nath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar ...	18	12	4	1	4	3	...
" Himadri Ballabh Biswas, Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	21	3	2	...	...	1	...
<i>Mekligunj.</i>							
Moulavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, Naib Ahilkar ...	3	3	1	...	...	1	1
Total	131	67	22	1	24	18	2

9. The following table shows the distribution of work in the Criminal Courts for the year 1925-26 :—

Names of Courts.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of convictions.
<i>Sudder.</i>							
Brijut Satia Chandra Banerjee, B.L., Sessions Judge ...	18	49	27	13	...	4	60
" Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Foudari Ahilkar ...	708	307	216	4	33	54	98.13
" Narat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer ...	318	369	183	13	71	33	68.79
" Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	26	283	61	104	77	42	36.38
" Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, M.A., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	44	53	13	10	50	...	57.52
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	43	61	24	9	28	...	72.72
Total	1142	1112	523	238	210	131	...
<i>Tufangunj.</i>							
Brijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	125	310	114	37	159	...	75.49
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	63	57	1	...	29	27	100
Total	291	367	115	37	188	27	...
<i>Dinkata.</i>							
Brijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	544	373	141	28	108	85	78.77
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	53	63	8	27	33	...	23.85
Total	596	441	149	65	142	85	...
<i>Mathabhanga.</i>							
Brijut Umanath Dutta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	253	384	97	36	146	9	72.93
" Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar.	140	265	52	74	106	28	41.26
Total	490	553	149	110	252	42	...
<i>Mekligunj.</i>							
Moulavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	208	144	53	34	49	12	60.91
Total	108	148	53	34	49	12	...
<i>Haldibari.</i>							
Beach Magistrates' Court.	47	47	41	4	...	2	91.11
Total	47	47	41	4	...	2	...
Grand Total	274	2678	1000	40	100	31	...

10. The following table shows the result of commitments to the Court of Session :—

Names of committing Officers.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
<i>Sudder.</i>							
Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhanmik, Fouzdari Ahilkar	1	1	...	...	...	1	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Treasury Officer	6	7	4	...	...	3	100
<i>Tufangunj.</i>							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	4	18	8	5	...	...	61.53
<i>Dinhata.</i>							
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar ...	2	8	8	...	...	...	100
<i>Mathabhanga.</i>							
Srijut Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar ...	5	20	7	13	...	...	35
<i>Mekligunj.</i>							
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, Naib Ahilkar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	18	49	27	18	...	4	60

11. The following table gives the longest, shortest and average periods of detention of undertrial prisoners. The figures show an improvement over those of the preceding year :—

Names of Officers.	Longest period of detention.	Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
<i>SUDDER.</i>	M. D.	M. D.	
Srijut Satis Chandra Banerjee, B.L., Sessions Judge ...	3 18	0 4	75.20
„ Rajani Kanta Bhanmik, M.A., B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	0 21	0 1	7.93
„ Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer ...	2 9	0 1	21.28
„ Nugendra Nath Roy, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	0 14	0 2	67.83
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	.....
„ Susil Kumar Chakravarti, M.A., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	0 1	0 1	1
<i>TUFANGUNJ.</i>			
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	1 11	0 1	4.2
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	1 3	0 1	7.5
<i>DINHATA.</i>			
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	1 21	0 1	16.69
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	1 4	0 1	7.6
<i>MATHABHANGA.</i>			
Srijut Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	4 20	0 1	19.65
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	0 18	0 1	6.6
<i>MEKLI GUNJ.</i>			
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	3 19	0 1	25

12. *Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.*—The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases :—

Nature of case.	No. of cases including those pending from last year.	Dismissed.	Decreed or orders passed against the accused.	Compromised.	Struck off, i.e. dismissed summarily.	Pending.	Remarks.
Maintenance	24	15	2	4	.....	3	
Right of way	59	14	9	23	1	12	
Security to keep the peace under Sections 106 and 107, Cr.P.C.	8	1	.....	2	2	3	
Security under Secs. 109, and 110 Cr. P. C.	10	.....	5	.....	1	4	
Total ...	101	30	16	29	4	22	

13. *Compensation paid to complainants and accused.*—A sum of Rs. 785 was paid to complainants under section 515 of the Criminal Procedure Code in the several Courts during the year under report as against Rs. 814 of the preceding year; while compensation to the accused under section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code amounted to Rs. 105 against Rs. 75 awarded in the previous year.

14. *Unnatural deaths.*—There were 141 cases of unnatural deaths during the year against 151 of the preceding year. The details are given below :—

Names of Police Stations and Out-post.	Suicide.	Drown-ing.	Snake bite.	Fall from building.	By wild animals.	Other causes.	Total.
Kotwali Police Station ...	7	15	4	.....	1	2	29
Tufangunj „ ...	2	13	3	.....	3	2	23
Dinhata „ ...	7	14	14	.....	1	6	42
Mathabhanga „ ...	3	11	4	.....	2	.....	20
Shitalkhuchi Out-Post ...	2	7	2	.....	.....	.....	11
Mekligunj Police Station ...	.....	3	1	1	.....	.....	5
Haldibari „ ...	2	8	1	.....	.....	.....	11
Total ...	23	71	29	1	7	10	141

15. *Realisation of fines.*—The result of realisation of fines during the last three years is given in the following table :—

Years.	Balance of the previous year.	Imposed during the year.	Total amount to be realised.	Realised during the year.	Remitted or written off.	Balance of the year.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1923-24 ...	3,590	6,646	10,236	6,421	2,866	1,449
1924-25 ...	1,419	14,881	16,300	8,611	5,454	2,265
1925-26 ...	2,235	13,110	15,345	7,112	232	8,081

16. *Stamps and Court-fees.*—The following table shows the income from Stamps and Court-fees in the various Criminal Courts in the State for the year under report as compared with that of the previous year :—

Names of Courts.	Stamps.		Court-fees.		Total.	
	1924-25 & 1925-26.		1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sudder ...	1,327	1,811	722	905	2,049	2,716
Tufangunj ...	653	669	278	309	931	978
Dinhata ...	1,027	934	509	415	1,536	1,349
Mathabhanga ...	729	707	398	401	1,127	1,106
Mekligunj ...	400	463	165	226	565	689
Haldibari ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	4,136	4,584	2,072	2,256	6,208	6,840

17. The following statement shows the number and detention of witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts in the State during the year under report:—

Names and designations of Magistrates.	Total number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and finally discharged.	DETENTION OF WITNESSES ENTERED IN COLUMNS 8 AND 9 FOR—							
					One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
SUDDER.												
Srijut Bajant Kanta Bhaumik, Fousdari Ahilkar.	385	313	67	5	369	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
.. Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Treasury Officer	814	749	65	...	814	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
.. Nagendra Nath Roy, Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	625	526	93	6	493	119	7	...	...	...	...	...
.. Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	17	90	27	...	103	14	...	...	...	...	...	...
.. Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	160	85	15	...	84	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	2,041	1,763	207	11	1,843	160	7	...	...	...	...	...
TUFANGUNJ.												
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar.	759	624	131	...	713	44	2	...	...	...	...	...
.. Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	11	10	1	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	770	638	132	...	724	44	2	...	...	...	...	...
DINHATA.												
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar	763	476	282	15	496	186	39	22	5	...	...	...
.. Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	298	126	172	...	126	70	39	25	38	...	...	...
Total	1,061	592	454	15	622	256	78	47	43	...	...	...
MATHABHANGA.												
Srijut Uma Nath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar	421	407	14	...	356	63	3	...	...	...	...	...
.. Himadri Ballabh Biswas, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	357	283	74	...	244	88	25	...	...	...	...	...
Total	778	690	88	...	599	151	28	...	...	...	...	...
MEKLIGUNJ.												
Monlavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, Naib Ahilkar	351	247	92	12	250	62	27	...	...	...	...	...
Total	351	247	92	12	250	62	27	...	...	...	...	...
HALDIBARI												
Bench Magistrates' Court	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	5,002	3,931	1,033	38	4,059	673	142	47	43	...	...	...

18. The following statement shows the miscellaneous work done by the different Courts:—

Names of Courts.	No. of petitions received.	No. of processes of all kinds issued.	No. of reports heard.	No. of Robocaries received.	No. of bail bonds executed.	No. of recognizance bonds executed.	No. of Robocaries issued.
Sudder	2641	4404	86	379	167	371	340
Tufangunj	1018	1998	106	30	64	77	40
Dinhata	1974	3165	340	56	105	176	46
Mathabhanga	748	4103	189	32	155	157	56
Mekligunj	1078	1184	172	8	33	36	30
Haldibari Bench	...	21	47	10	41	1	55
Total	6754	14870	940	515	565	818	567

19. *Recovery of Wives.*—There were 87 petitions for recovery of wives during the year against 93 of the previous year. With 4 cases pending from the preceding year, there were 91 cases altogether to be dealt with. Of these, 51 cases were dismissed; in 25 cases the wives were restored to their husbands; in 9 cases the wives denied marriage and 6 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

20. *Chaukidari Department.*—The following table shows the number of Chaukidars, Panchayets and their Collecting members employed during the year under report together with the number of villages served by them :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	No. of Chaukidars.	No. of members of Panchayets.	No. of Collecting members of Panchayets.	No. of villages.
Sudder ...	321	548	127	263
Tufangunj ...	213	213	68	126
Dinhata ...	375	549	58	310
Mathabhanga ...	450	359	67	267
Mekligunj ...	227	245	54	243
Total ...	1,586	1,914	374	1,209

The total number of Chaukidars was 1586 against 1590 of the previous year and the total number of members of Panchayets was 1914 against the same number of the preceding year.

21. The work of the Collecting members of the Panchayets was not satisfactory. The number of complaints received from Chaukidars of non-payment of their wages in time was large. Steps are being taken to introduce a system of payment to the Chaukidars of their salaries at the Thanas once a quarter in the presence of a Gazetted Officer.

22. The maximum and minimum pay of the Chaukidars continued to be Rs. 6 and Rs. 4-8-6, respectively, as in the previous year.

23. The following statement shows the demand and realisation of the Chaukidari Fund for the year under report :—

	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
TOTAL DEMAND—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Total amount of annual fund deduction.	1,249	852	1,394	1,750	945	6,190
2. Balance of the previous year.	23	249	631	...	9	912
Total	1,272	1,101	2,025	1,750	954	7,102
3. Amount realized during the year.	849	696	1,325	1,750	954	5,574
4. Amount which remained unrealized on the 31st March 1926.	423	405	700	...	...	1,528
5. Amount of fine realized	30	71	44	163	85	393
6. Amount of penalties realized.	2	1	9	...	...	12
7. Miscellaneous receipts	157	10	8	56	64	295
8. Total of columns 3, 5, 6 & 7	1,038	778	1,386	1,974	1,103	6,279
Interest on Government Promissory Notes	...	...	...	...	...	265

Grand Total ... 6,544

24. The details of expenditure from the Chaukidari Fund for the year under report are given below :—

	Sanctioned amount.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.
1. Contingencies ...	3,135	2,752
2. Rewards and gratuities &c. ...	1,200	940
3. Irrecoverable portions of pay of Chaukidars ...	200	6
4. Establishment charges for the five Sub-divisions	2,210	2,310
Total ...	6,745	5,908

25. The total receipts were Rs. 6,544 against Rs. 6,768 and the expenditure Rs. 5,908 against Rs. 6,339 of the previous year. The net profit of the Fund for the year under report was Rs. 636 against Rs. 430 of the year before showing an increase of Rs. 206.

The opening balance of the Fund was Rs. 28,359, of which Rs. 27,590 was in the Treasury and Rs. 769 in the Chaukidari offices and Sub-Treasuries.

The closing balance was Rs. 28,995, of which Rs. 28,169 was in the Treasury and the balance of Rs. 826 in the several Sub-Treasuries and Chaukidari offices. A sum of Rs. 5,500 is being contributed from the accumulated surplus of the fund towards the cost of providing the Cooch Behar Town Fire Brigade with a Fire Engine and modern fire extinguishing appliances. A sum of Rs. 10,000 is being invested in Government Securities.

26. *Cattle Pounds*.—The number of cattle pounds in the State was 109 against the same number of the previous year.

27. The following statements show the receipts and expenditure of the Pound Fund for the year under report :—

(I) Statement showing the receipts from Pounds for the year 1925-26.

	Names of Sub-divisions.					Total.
	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	
1. Number of Pounds ...	16	20	21	34	18	109
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2. Balance of the previous year.	347	90	181	2,487	428	3,533
3. Amount of bid ...	2,073	1,788	1,271	3,451	2,729	11,312
Total ...	2,420	1,878	1,452	5,938 (a)	3,157	14,845
4. Amount of bid realised	1,623	1,789	1,282	3,491	3,150	11,335
5. Amount of bid unrealised	797	89	170	1,683	7	2,746
6. Sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle.	245	462	99	858	167	1,831
7. Miscellaneous ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. Total of columns 4, 6 & 7	1,868	2,251	1,381	4,349	3,317	13,166
Interest on Government Promissory Notes.	...	...	...	...	...	176
Grand Total	...	...	...	...	...	13,342

(a) Out of this amount Rs. 764 was written off as unrealisable.

(II) Statement showing the expenditure of the Pound Fund for 1925-26 :—

Head of service.	Budget sanctioned for 1925-26.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies ...	1,200	1,014
Rewards for killing dogs ...	170	59
Establishment ..	428	416
Total	1,798	1,489
Aid to Cooch Behar Town Committee ...	3,600	3,600
„ Dinhata „	200	200
„ Mathabhanga „	1,000	1,000
Improvement of Sub-Divisional Town at Tufangunj	1,000	945
„ „ „ at Mekligunj	500	282
Total	6,300	6,027
Grand total	8,098	7,516

28. Together with the arrear balance of Rs. 3,533 the total bid to be realised was Rs. 14,845, of which Rs. 11,335 was collected and Rs. 764 was written off, as there was no hope of realisation of the amount, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,746 unrealised. Rs. 1,831 was received as sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle and miscellaneous receipts and Rs. 176 as interest on the invested money. The total collection was thus Rs. 13,342 against Rs. 13,776 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 434.

29. The cost of establishment and contingencies, together with the charges paid for killing rabid and stray dogs, amounted to Rs. 1,489 against Rs. 876 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 613. Rs. 6,027 was paid to the several Town Committees and Sub-divisional towns in the State as contributions towards effecting improvements of the places concerned. The total expenditure thus amounted to Rs. 7,516. The net profit of the Fund in the year was therefore Rs. 5,826.

30. The opening balance of the Pound Fund was Rs. 50,820. Of this amount, Rs. 49,548 was in the Treasury and Rs. 1,272 in the different Sub-Treasuries. The 2nd instalment of Rs. 1,000 was duly paid by the Principal, Victoria College, in repayment of the loan of Rs. 10,000 repayable in 10 years without interest to meet the expenses of the B. Sc. classes in the College. The closing balance of the Fund was Rs. 57,824, of which Rs. 56,683 was in the Treasury and Rs. 1,141 at the Sub-Treasuries. It has been decided to make a contribution of Rs. 45,000 from the accumulated surplus of the Fund towards the cost of the water supply scheme for Cooch Behar Town.

31. *Free distribution of Quinine tabloids.*—There were 1204 tabloids in hand at the close of the preceding year. During the year under report 8000 tabloids were received from the Civil Surgeon of the State for distribution. The following table shows the distribution :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Tabloids distributed.
Sudder	907
Tufangunj	169
Dinhata ... ..	.....
Mathabhanga	60
Mekligunj	360
Total	1,496

32. The balance in hand at the close of the year was 7708 tabloids. Of these, 7643 tabloids are at the Fouzdari Ahilkar's office and the rest with the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj. The tabloids will be sent to the Sub-divisional Officers before the advent of the fever season.

Of the 33 tubes of quinine shown as the balance of the previous year, none was distributed.

33. The following statement shows the number of records received in the Record room during the year under report :—

COURTS.	Records of regular cases.	Miscellaneous cases.	Total.
Sudder ...	877	201	1078
Tufangunj ...	292	57	349
Dinhata ...	599	101	700
Mathabhanga ...	520	80	600
Mekligunj ...	207	75	282
Haldibari Bench ...	13	...	13
Total ...	2508	514	3022

34. The following statement shows the number of records sorted for destruction and preservation during the year under report :—

Courts.	Number of records of regular cases sorted for destruction & preservation.				Total No. of Books & Registers destroyed.	Total No. of miscellaneous papers & bundles destroyed.
	Total No. of records sorted.	Records destroyed wholly.	Records destroyed partly.	Records preserved wholly.		
Sudder ...	1025	854	31	140	19	5
Tufangunj ...	257	191	5	61	8	8
Dinhata ...	619	523	8	88	6	5
Mathabhanga ...	465	327	21	117	6	6
Mekligunj ...	198	140	7	51	7	3
Haldibari Bench ...	57	57	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2621	2092	72	457	46	22

35. *Rainfall.*—The total rainfall recorded in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was 128·60 against 162·13 inches of the previous year. The heavy rains during the first quarter of the year under report retarded the growth of the Bitri paddy and jute and also affected the weeding operations of these crops. The out-turn was thus poor. The sowing of tobacco seeds was delayed owing to the moisture in the land due to the heavy rainfall immediately before the season. The seasonable rainfall in June, July, August and September was beneficial to the growth of Haimanti paddy and its out-turn was good. Very little rain fell in the winter months.

36. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The following table shows the out-turn of Haimanti and Bitri paddy in the different Sub-divisions of the State during the year under report :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Haimanti.	Bitri.
Sudder ...	15 annas.	6 annas.
Tufangunj ...	14 „	10 „
Dinhata ...	14 „	12 „
Mathabhanga ...	16 „	8 „
Mekligunj ...	14 „	8 „

37. The price of common rice ranged between Rs. 5-8 and Rs. 8-12 per maund during the year. Though there was a good harvest of Haimanti paddy the prices continued high and even at the harvest time did not fall below 7 seers per rupee. The high prices of jute proved a boon to the cultivators who would otherwise have suffered on account of the shortage of the Bitri paddy crop.

38. The area of land under jute cultivation during the year was 29,202 against 32,543 acres of the previous year. The out-turn of the crop was estimated at 8 annas. The shortage in out-turn was compensated by the abnormally high prices fetched by the crop. The price ranged between Rs. 14 and Rs. 25 per maund during the year.

39. The out-turn of mustard seed was estimated at 12 annas and that of tobacco at 10 annas. None of these crops could flourish well for want of sufficient winter rains. The cultivation of other *abi* crops was nominal.

40. The epidemic statement submitted by the Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar, is given below :—

Statement of Epidemics for 1925-26.

Names of Police Stations and Out Post.	Remaining from the previous year	Number of persons attacked.	Number died.	Number cured.	Remaining at the end of the year.
Cholera.					
Kotwali P. S.	81	72	9	.....
Tufangunj P. S.	8	4	4	.....
Dinhata P. S.	221	127	94	.....
Mathabhanga P. S.	582	412	170	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	529	819	210	.....
Haldibari P. S.	24	14	10	.....
Mekligunj P. S.
Total	1445	948	497	.....
Small-pox.					
Kotwali P. S.	33	4	29	.....
Tufangunj P. S.	36	4	32	.....
Dinhata P. S. ...	19	313	48	277	7
Mathabhanga P. S.	3	2	.....	1
Shitalkhuchi O. P.
Haldibari P. S.	3	.....	1	2
Mekligunj P. S.
Total ...	19	388	58	339	10

41. *Public health.*—Cholera and Small-pox and specially the former disease were as usual responsible for many deaths among the people. The outbreak of cholera was specially severe in the Mathabhanga Sub-division. All possible measures were taken by the State Medical Department to combat the outbreaks wherever they occurred. With the exception of these epidemics, the general health of the people was good on the whole.

42. *Tours of Officers.*—Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, Fouzdari Ahilkar, was out on tour for 59 days and spent 29 nights away from the Head quarters during the year under report. He visited all the Sub-divisions and inspected all the Thanas except Tufangunj during the year. The visit to Tufangunj was paid after the close of the year.

43. The following statement shows the number of days and nights spent on tour by the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars :—

Names of Officers.	No. of days.*	No. of nights.	Remarks.
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B. L., Naib Ahilkar	112	39	
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L. Additional Naib Ahilkar.	3	.....
DINHATA.			
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	83	13	
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	5	.....
MATHABHANGA.			
Srijut Umanath Dutt, B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	53	20	
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	21	7	
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Maulavi Bazley Rahman Sarkar, B. L., Naib Ahilkar	103	61	

44. *Cattle disease.*—One thousand one hundred and fifty cases of cattle disease were reported from the interior during the year, of which 552 died, 566 recovered and 32 cases were lingering at the close of the year. Measures were adopted with a view to ensuring cases of rinderpest being promptly reported by Village Chaukidars. There are now 3 Veterinary Assistant Surgeons in the service of the State.

45. *Conduct of Police:*—

Sudder.—Two constables were convicted under section 409 Indian Penal Code for having deserted with their clothing and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one month each. They were also convicted under section 25 of the Cooch Behar Police Act and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 15 days each. Another constable was also convicted under section 25 of the Cooch Behar Police Act and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 10 only.

Tufangunj.—There was no case against the Police during the year under report against 1 of the preceding year.

Dinhata.—There was 1 case against the Police during the current year. It was a case under sections 161 and 384 Indian Penal Code against Sub-Inspector Panchanan Ganguli and Writer Constable Hem Chandra Bhaumik. The accused were discharged under section 253 Criminal Procedure Code owing to non-prosecution. Of the 3 cases which remained pending at the close of the preceding year, two ended in conviction and one in acquittal under section 345 Criminal Procedure Code.

Mathabhanga.—No case was instituted against the Police during the year under report.

Mekligunj.—There was no case against the Police during the year under review.

46. **Conduct of Officers.**—The officers worked satisfactorily.

Statements A and B are appended hereto.

II.—POLICE.

47. **Charge.**—Srijut Aswini Coomar Guha remained in charge of the department throughout the year. Srijut Praphulla Banjan Dhar, M. A., B. L., Probationary Deputy Superintendent of Police, was taken through the usual course of practical training during the year as prescribed for him by the Agency Council.

48. **The enlistment and disposition of the Force :—**

- (a) Of the four Sub-inspector Cadets, two (Sarada Kanta Dutt, B. A., and Narendra Kumar Naha, B. A.) who were appointed in January 1925, continued to receive their prescribed training till the end of the year under report. The third, Kumar Tikendra Narayan, completed his training of two years in the month of January 1925 and was posted to a thana as a second officer, and the 4th (Srijut Haran Chandra Huzra, B. A.) was discharged from the force at his own request during the year under report.

Sub-inspector Sarada Kanta Dutt appeared for the B. A. Examination, while under training, and passed it in June 1925.

- (b) The number of constables recruited during the year to fill up vacancies and casualties caused by death, retirement and removal, was 78, of whom 23 were Hindoos (6 Bengalis and 17 up-countrymen), 3 Mahomedans and 52 Gurkhas or Nepalese. Of the 6 Bengali Hindoos and 3 Mahomedans, four were bonafide natives of the State and one was a local man.

Of the Nepalese recruits, whose antecedents &c. could not, under the rules of the Nepal Durbar, be verified, 18 were either discharged (some owing to continued illness in the plains and some as unsuitable) or rejected on verification as far as possible from other sources and a few deserted. No vacancies remained unfilled at the close of the year under report.

Three Matriculated Candidates were appointed as Writer Constables, one of whom was a Behari Brahmin who educated himself at Cooch Behar and is practically domiciled here.

- (c) On the 31st March 1926, the force consisted of :—

- (i) Two Inspectors.
- (ii) Thirteen Sub-Inspectors.
- (iii) One Armed Sub-Inspector (Subsadar).
- (iv) Three Officiating Sub-Inspectors (Assistant Sub-Inspectors promoted to act).
- (v) Seven Assistant Sub-Inspectors (excluding those promoted).
- (vi) Five Writer Head Constables.
- (vii) Three Head Constables (Havildars).
- (viii) Six officiating Head Constables.
- (ix) 242 Constables including 19 Writer Constables.

- (d) One hundred and ninety-six men were employed in thanas, Courts, Jails and Treasury guards, on patrol and on miscellaneous duties at the close of the year leaving 59 in the Reserve force, 16 men were on leave and 14 sick in Hospital or were under training.

Twenty men employed in Sub-divisional Jail guards were replaced by Warders and 16 of them were absorbed in the regular force with effect from September 1925 which was reduced by 4 men, making the total strength 242.

- (e) Of the total force, 10·27 percent were Cooch Beharis (both bonafide and domiciled) and 89·73 percent non-Cooch Beharis.

49. The important features of the year's working are briefly given in the following paragraphs :—

- (1) Withdrawal of Police from Sub-divisional Jail guards.
- (2) Relieving the Police of miscellaneous duties in connection with Pounds.
- (3) Better accommodation for 20 men of the Head Quarters Force in a house in close proximity to the lines, hired for them by the State.
- (4) Accommodation of the Reserve Office and provision of rooms for clothing, magazine, stores, magazine guard and the Intelligence Branch Office in a pucca building formerly occupied by the State Band and which now forms part of the premises of the Police Lines.
- (5) Construction of a new barrack with pucca plinth and walls and Corrugated Iron roof at Dinhata Police Station for the accommodation of constables with a room for Inspecting Officers.
- (6) Supply of Mosquito-curtains to men attached to the Head Quarters Force. This made a large difference as regards the health of the men and the holding of quinine parades in addition considerably reduced the number of fever cases.
- (7) Supply of bedding, blankets and mosquito curtains for Police patients in Hospital.
- (8) Supply of Cots to men attached to the Head Quarters force.
- (9) Creation of a miniature Police Club and housing six members in the old office of the Police Lines.
- (10) Training of an Armourer at the Allahabad Arsenal and the granting of an allowance of Rs. 5 per mensem which covers the allowance of the passed Armourer and an Assistant who is being trained with him.
- (11) Training of two Buglers and the grant of monthly allowance of Rs. 2 for each.
- (12) Encouraging the men to make their own gardens for growing vegetables and flowers in the compound of the Police Lines.
- (13) The reorganisation of the Cooch Behar Town Fire Brigade which will be manned by the Police. These men are being trained with the Calcutta Fire Brigade.
- (14) Better provision made for repairs of Police buildings under the Police Department including the quarters of officers.
- (15) Introduction of the programme of crime work by both Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors.
- (16) Opening of Crime Centres in affected areas as a preventive measure to stop recrudescence of crime.
- (17) The introduction of the system of road and border patrols and escorting bullock carts in convoys in co-operation with the Rungpur and Jalpaiguri Police as a preventive measure against robberies and dacoities frequently reported.
- (18) Interchange of notes on crime between bordering districts viz.—Rungpur, Jalpaiguri and Goalpara.

- (19) Remarkable decrease of heinous crimes such as robberies and dacoities, due mainly to the preventive measures taken. There were only 15 dacoities and 5 robberies as compared with 30 and 13, respectively, during the year preceding.

50. *Cost.*—The original budget provision for the year was Rs. 1,00,848 and the revised provision was reduced to Rs. 1,00,581 against Rs. 1,02,476 of the previous year. The total expenditure was Rs. 99,278 against Rs. 98,550 of the preceding year.

51. *Cognizable Cases.*—(a) The number of cognizable cases taken up *suo motu* by the Police during the year was 1133 against 1025 of the previous year. 72 cases were shown as pending at the close of the last year, and of the old cases of the previous year, two were detected during the year under report. With these cases, therefore, there were 1207 cases to be dealt with. 377 cases were sent up for trial; 435 were returned as true and 42 cases reported to be intentionally false and 57 false due to mistake of law or fact or non-cognizable. The Police refused investigation in 220 cases and 76 cases remained pending at the close of the year, either with the Police or with Magistrates.

(b) There has been an increase of 84 cases in the total number reported during the year, over that of 1924-25. This increase is spread mainly under three heads *viz.*—33 under burglary, 14 under Railway cases and 37 under public nuisance and the Police Act.

(c) The most satisfactory feature of the year's working in respect of crime is the remarkable decrease in the number of cases of the more heinous crimes, *viz.*—15 dacoities and 5 robberies, as compared with 30 dacoities and 13 robberies during the preceding year.

The percentage of charge-sheets in true cases was 46·4 against 35·3 of the preceding year and the percentage of cases ending in conviction to cases sent up for trial, was 88·3 against 84.

52. *The Proportion of Police to Population and Crime.*—The following table shows the proportion of Police employed on purely Police work (prevention and detection of crime to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last two years :—

Year.	Police.	Population.	Cognizable cases.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1924-25	138	5,92,489	1,025	1 to 4293·54	1 to 7·42	1 to 578·03
1925-26	122 (a)	5,92,489	1,133	1 to 4956·46	1 to 9·28	1 to 522·9

(a) Sixteen constables on Jail guards were withdrawn in the year under report.

53. *Proportion of Cognizable Crime to Population and area.*—The following table shows the proportion of cognizable cases to population and area in the five Sub-divisions of the State :—

DETAILS.	NAMES OF SUB-DIVISIONS.					Total.
	Buddar.	Tufanganj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	
Area in square-miles ...	284	233	269	334	197	1,317
Population ...	1,32,334	82,963	1,48,162	1,61,307	87,643	5,92,489
Pending at the beginning of the year.	12 + 2 detected old cases.	13	13	23	11	73
Reported during the year.	375	118	313-1 old case detected.	478	163	...
Disposed of during the year.	371	112	313	132	147	...
Pending at the end of the year.	18	13	14	13	13	...
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.	1 to 352·3	1 to 721·6	1 to 474·9	1 to 734·2	1 to 576·5	...
Proportion of cognizable crime to area.	1 to 75	1 to 1·9	1 to 45	1 to 1·5	1 to 1·3	...

54. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which charge sheets and final report forms were used by the Police during the year under report, was 650. Of these, 42 cases or 6·4 per cent were declared false.

There were 5 prosecutions for bringing false cases during the year as against two of the previous year, three of which ended in acquittal and two remained pending at the close of the year.

55. *Cases not enquired into.*—The statement below shows the percentage of cases not investigated under section 157 (b) Criminal Procedure Code during the year under report as compared with the previous year:—

		YEARS.	
		1924-25.	1925-26.
Number of cases	...	1025	1181
Do. not enquired into	...	167	220
Percentage	...	16	19

The percentage is still normal and calls for no remarks.

56. *Petition cases.*—Fifty cognizable cases instituted on complaint were referred to the Police for investigation during the year under report as against 42 cases of the previous year, and were disposed of as follows:—

Details.	No. of cases.
Sent up in charge sheet forms	11
True (not detected)	6
Non-cognizable, (mistake of law or fact)	4
False	25
Withdrawn	1
Pending	3
Total	50

57. *Property stolen and recovered.*—The statement below shows the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last two years:—

		YEARS.	
		1924-25. Rs.	1925-26. Rs.
AMOUNT OF PROPERTY	{ Stolen	38,131	39,621
	{ Recovered	3,081	3,417
	Percentage of recovery	8·8	8·6

58. *Percentage of conviction.*—The following table shows the result of trials of persons sent up by the Police in Cognizable cases and cases taken up by the Magistrates themselves:—

		YEARS.	
		1924-25.	1925-26.
Total number of persons	...	1,294	1,299
Acquitted or discharged	...	519	466
Convicted	...	612	602
Otherwise disposed of	...	3	4
Pending trial	...	160	327
Percentage of conviction	...	53·9	55·1

59. *Remands in Police cases.*—The statement below shows the cases which underwent the longest hearing and the names of the trying Magistrates:—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with sections.	DATE OF		Duration of trial.	Order.	REMARKS.
			Charge sheet.	Final order.			
Srijut Barat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer.	8	6 of April 1925, Secs. 451, I.P.C.	26-4-25	10-7-25	Y. M. D. 0 2 15	Convicted	
Ditto	8	13 of Nov. 1925 Secs. 458, 280 I.P.C.	18-12-25	22-3-26	0 3 6	Discharged	
" Satish Chandra Banerji, Civil and Sessions Judge.	10	3 of August 1925, Sec. 127 Ry. Act.	9-9-25	24-3-26	0 6 16	Convicted	
" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	11	18 of June 1925 Sec. 383 I.P.C.	5-8-25	29-10-25	0 2 6	Acquitted and Discharged	
Ditto	12	6 of July 1925 Sec. 147 I.P.C.	8-8-25	18-12-25	0 4 12	Convicted	
" Ditto	9	12 of August 1925, Secs. 342, 354 I.P.C.	7-9-25	1-12-25	0 2 25	Do.	
Ditto	9	5 of May 1925 Sec. 380 I.P.C.	31-5-25	28-10-25	0 4 29	Do.	
" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	4	14 of April 1925 Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	13-5-25	4-6-25	0 0 23	Acquitted	
Ditto	11	13 of June 1925 Secs. 458, 366, 342 & 147 I.P.C.	28-7-25	1-12-25	0 4 5	Convicted	
Ditto	5	3 of July 1925 Secs. 147, 379 I.P.C.	17-7-25	22-8-25	0 1 7	Do.	
Ditto	5	16 of October 1925 Sec. 457 I.P.C.	17-11-25	6-3-26	0 3 20	Discharged	
Ditto	8	10 of Nov. 1925 Sec. 379 I.P.C.	10-12-25	3-3-26	0 2 25	Convicted	
Ditto	7	7 of January 1926 Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	14-1-26	31-3-26	0 2 18	Do.	
Moulvi Basay Rahman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	37	2 of June 1925 Secs. 147, 324 I.P.C.	27-5-25	6-3-26	0 8 10	Acquitted	
Ditto	16	4 of Nov. 1925 Secs. 457, 458 & 325 I.P.C.	29-11-25	6-3-26	0 3 8	Convicted	
Srijut Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	4	3 of April 1925 Sec. 363 I.P.C.	2-7-25	10-9-25	0 2 10	Do.	
Ditto	12	4 of April 1925 Secs. 380, 379 I.P.C.	28-4-25	31-8-25	0 4 4	Do.	
Ditto	14	2 of May 1925 Secs. 147, 149 I.P.C.	6-6-25	11-9-25	0 3 6	Do.	
Ditto	5	7 of May 1925 Secs. 457, 363, I.P.C.	28-5-25	8-7-25	0 1 13	Acquitted	
Ditto	10	1 of July. 1925 Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	9-7-25	14-10-25	0 3 7	Convicted	
Ditto	7	5 of July 1925 Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	22-8-25	28-10-25	0 2 8	Do.	
Ditto	10	10 of Sept. 1925 Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	28-9-25	29-12-25	0 2 25	Acquitted	
Ditto	8	1 of Nov. 1925 Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	4-11-25	23-12-25	0 1 19	Convicted	
Ditto	4	8 of Nov. 1925 Secs. 451, 354 I.P.C.	6-12-25	5-2-26	0 2 0	Do.	
Ditto	9	2 of January 1926 Sec. 324 I.P.C.	13-1-26	27-3-26	0 2 16	Do.	
" Hiraadri Balabhai Bhowas, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahlikar.	20	4 of Oct. 1925 Secs. 144, 447, 379 I.P.C.	10-3-25	7-9-25	0 5 29	Do.	

60. *Conviction.*—Below is a comparative statement of the percentage of convictions in cases and persons in Police *suo motu* cases for the year under report as compared with figures for the previous year:—

Names of Sub-divisions,		1924-25.		1925-26.	
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1. Sudder	...	40.2	78.0	50.6	64.2
2. Tufangunj	...	16.	55.5	18.	63.1
3. Dinbata	...	25.6	55.8	36.4	84.3
4. Mathabhanga	...	28.7	40.4	19.3	61.4
5. Mekligunj	...	15.6	70.	9.	27.7
For the whole State...		30.8	2.2	36.5	67.2

61. *Vagrancy and Bad Characters.*—Thirty-nine persons in 10 cases were dealt with during the year under the preventive sections 109 and 110 Criminal Procedure Code against only 6 persons in 3 cases of the preceding year. 21 men were bound down and 4 cases with 12 men remained pending at the close of the year. 6 men only were discharged.

62. *Arms Act.*—Two hundred and forty-four licenses were issued during the year under report against 219 in the preceding year.

Two cases were instituted as against 2 cases of the previous year and both of them ended in conviction.

63. *Investigation of Cases by the Police.*—The following is an analysis of the investigations made by the Police officers :—

		1924-25.	1925-26.
Deputy Superintendent of Police	...	...	2
Inspectors	...	3	7
Sub-Inspectors	...	631	648
Assistant Sub-Inspectors	...	193	195
Writer Head Constables	...	57	59
	Total	884	911

64. *Absconders*.—The following is a statement of absconders :—

		1924-25.	1925-26.
Number of absconded offenders at the close of the previous year.		36	47
Number entered during the year	...	23	5
Number who gave themselves up	...	...	4
Number arrested	... ..	8	4
Number struck off or died	... ..	4	1
Number remaining at large at the close of the year		47	43

65. *Rewards and Punishments*.—The following table shows the rewards and punishments in the force during the last two years:—

RANK.	REWARDS.				PUNISHMENTS.											
					Judicial.				Departmental.							
	1924-1925.		1925-1926.		1924-1925.		1925-1926.		1924-1925.		1925-1926.					
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.
Inspectors	...	Rs. ...	...	Rs. ...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. ...	...	...	...	Rs. ...	...	...
Sub-Inspectors	...	115	8	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Assistant Sub-Inspectors	...	8	17	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2
Writer Head-constables and Head-constables.	...	8	17	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Constables	...	12	18	41	3	3	2	2	...	...	7	...	...	...	22	2

The following special rewards were earned by Police Officers of the State during the year under report :—

- (1.) Sub-Inspector Radhasyam Chakravarty,—Rs. 25 for good work in connection with case No. 9 of November 1925 and 1 of May 1925 of Maynaguri Police Station, Jalpaiguri, by Superintendent of Police, Jalpaiguri.
- (2.) Assistant Sub-Inspector Nirmal Chandra Sur,—Rs. 25 for good work in connection with case No. 2 of March 1925, Police Station Haldibari.

- (3.) Sub-Inspector Suresh Govinda Biswas }
 Sub-Inspector Jitendra Chandra Sen } Rs. 20 each for good
 Offg. Sub-Inspector Heramba Behari } work in connection with
 Chanda } cases.

Four other Sub-Inspectors of the State were rewarded with Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 for good work in specific cases.

One Assistant Sub-Inspector, two Writer Head Constables and one Head Constable were rewarded with Rs. 5 to Rs. 10 and 14 Constables Rs. 41.

Major punishments were awarded to officers and men for gross misconduct during the year under report as follows :—

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|-----|-------------------------------|-----|------------|
| (1) | 1 Sub-Inspector ... | ... | degraded. |
| (2) | 1 Assistant Sub-Inspector ... | ... | dismissed. |
| (3) | 1 Assistant Sub-Inspector ... | .. | degraded. |
| (4) | 2 Writer Head Constables ... | ... | degraded. |

66. *Escorts*.—Treasure amounting to Rs. 22,69,148 belonging to both the Government and the State, as against Rs. 18,75,200 of the previous year, was escorted by the State Police.

The number of persons escorted during the year was 1375 against 1837 of the previous year.

67. *Drill and Target Practice*.—The Head Quarters Force continued regular drill and musketry practices and attended parades on four days in the week, Saturdays being reserved for route march. The Platoon Drill was in force.

On Mondays and Fridays all available officers and men at Head Quarters fell in with the force as in the previous year.

The Town Police (Chaukidars) continued to take part on two days in the week and joined in Route marches.

Target Practice was held in which 8 officers and 21 men participated and a reward of Rs. 10 was paid to the best shot (Head Constable Sreekanta Pandey)

68. *Retirements and Casualties*.—One Assistant Sub-Inspector, one Writer Head Constable and six Constables retired during the year under report

There was only one death during the year against three of the previous year.

69. *Health of the Force* :—

- (i) The health of the force was generally good. The supply of mosquito-curtains to the men attached to the Head Quarters Force during the year was productive of good results. While more men from Mofussil joined the Hospital, there was a considerable decline in the roll of sickness among men of the Reserve Force at Sudder.

- (ii) The daily average of sick in hospital was 3.35 against 4.73 of the preceding year, and a large number of these patients were from Mofussil Thanas.

70. *Good Conduct Allowances*.—At the close of the year under report 43 men were drawing good conduct allowance at Re. 1 per mensem.

No good conduct stripes were issued during the year as they serve no useful purpose and have been discontinued in Bengal.

71. *Fire and Fire Brigade*.—There were nine outbreaks of fire in the town as compared with five in the previous year, in which property worth about Rs. 3,240 was destroyed. A scheme for the complete reorganisation of the Cooch Behar Town Fire Brigade involving a non-recurring expenditure of Rs 13,580 has been sanctioned by the Regency Council. The personnel will be furnished from the Police Force and will be trained with the Calcutta Fire Brigade. Before the end of next year the Town will have a highly efficient Fire Brigade both as regards machinery and appliances and personnel.

72. *Town Police*.—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of two Jamadars and 28 Chaukidars and during the year under report two more men

were appointed for the Khagrabari block since added to the town area. Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga had 6, 7 and 6 Chaukidars, respectively, during the year.

(a) *General Working.*—The Deputy Superintendent of Police continued to hold charge of the Town Police during the year under report and he experienced a good deal of difficulty in finding suitable men to fill up vacancies and in arranging for proper watch and ward with the force at his disposal.

73. *Street Lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Town Committees had 147, 39, 41 and 34 street lamps, respectively, and their maintenance charges amounted to Rs. 4,409-2-9.

74. *Rural Police.*—The following table shows the rewards paid to, and fines realised from, village chaukidars during the year 1925-26 as compared with the year preceding :—

		1924-25.	1925-26.
A. Case Work	No. of Chaukidars ...	9	4
	Amount of Rewards ...	Rs. 75	Rs. 34
B. Gratuity	No. of Chaukidars ...	8	8
	Amount of Gratuity ...	Rs. 199	Rs. 189
Total rewards	Rs. 940 (This includes A and B. and a sum of Rs. 717 paid as Koraki to Chaukidars).		
		1924-25.	1925-26.
		Rs.	Rs.
C. Total Amount of ...	... fines realised.	219	398

A large portion of fines imposed remains unrealised owing to irregular attendance of Chaukidars and non-payment of their pay by Panchayets. The attendance was unsatisfactory and the work of the Rural Police in the matter of reporting births and deaths and epidemics was also unsatisfactory. The introduction in the near future of a system of paying Village Chaukidars their pay quarterly in the presence of a Gazetted Officer will, it is expected, result in an improvement in their work and better attendance at thanas and will also facilitate realisation of fines.

75. *Inspection.*—A statement of inspection is given below :—

Names of Police Stations, Out-posts and Courts inspected.	NUMBER OF TIMES INSPECTED:			REMARKS.
	By the Fauzdari Ahlikar.	By the Superin- tendent of Police and Dy. Supt. Police.	By Divisional Inspector of Police.	
Police Station Kotwali	1	1	1	
Do. Tufangunj	...	1	1	
Do. Dinhata	1	2	1	
Do. Mathabhanga	1	...	1	
Out-Post Sitalkhuehi	1	...	1	
Police Station Mekligunj	1	1	1	Since inspected by Deputy Superintendent of Police.
Do. Haldibari	1	2	2	
Sudder Court...	...	1	1	
Tufangunj Court	...	1	1	
Dinhata Court	1	1	1	
Mathabhanga Court	1	...	2	
Mekligunj Court	1	1	1	

N. B.—One hundred and sixty days were spent by the Superintendent of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police on tour and all the Police Stations and courts were inspected by them during the year with the exception of two viz. Mathabhanga and Sitalkhuehi. The inspection of Courts was made with the inspection of respective Police Stations.

The Superintendent of Police and the Deputy Superintendent of Police supervised the investigation of 34 cases locally and the two Inspectors supervised 45 cases.

76. *Finger Prints*.—Eighteen finger impressions of undertrial prisoners and suspects were taken and sent to the different Bureaus. In four cases identity was established.

Fifty-one Finger Prints of ex-convicts were sent to the Central Bureau for permanent record.

77. *Emigration and Immigration*.—One hundred and twenty-three persons emigrated from, and 218 persons immigrated into, the State against 104 and 87 persons, respectively, in the preceding year.

78. *Miscellaneous duties*.—Altogether 1652 notices and orders were served by the Police relating to the presentation of Panchayets before the Magistrates and matters connected with the Chaukidari work.

79. *Commendation of Officers*.—The names of the following officers may be mentioned for good work during the year :—

- (1) Srijut Jasoda Kumar Basu, Inspector of Police Sudder Division.
- (2) Srijut Devendra Nath Bhattacharji, Sub-Inspector, 1st grade (since officiating Inspector).
- (3) Srijut Manimohan Ganguly, Sub-Inspector, 2nd grade (Officer in charge Police Station, Kotwali).
- (4) Srijut Upendra Nath Biswas, B. A., Sub-Inspector, 3rd grade (Officer in charge, Police Station, Haldibari).
- (5) Srijut Satish Chandra Roy, Sub-Inspector, 3rd grade (Officer in charge, Intelligence Branch).

80. *District Intelligence Branch*.—The officers and men attached to this Branch (one Sub-Inspector and one Assistant Sub-Inspector and four constables including a Writer Constable) did good work, particularly Sub-Inspector Satish Chandra Roy who held charge of the Branch.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

81. *Charge*.—Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhannik, M.A. B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar, held administrative charge of the Jail throughout the year. Dr. Dineshananda Chakravarti, Civil Surgeon, was the Medical Officer of the Jail for the whole year.

82. *Jail Buildings*.—The Public Works Department as usual did the annual repairs to the Jail buildings borne on their books. The Jail Department repaired the kutchha buildings and the quarters of the Jail staff.

A new Civil ward was constructed by the Public Works Department to the north of the Warders' barrack outside the Jail wall. The ward consists of a corrugated iron roofed sleeping room measuring 18' x 16' with pucca plinth and masonry walls and a verandah; two cook sheds measuring 7' x 7½' each, one for the Hindus and the other for the Mahomedans, and a latrine, all of the same materials.

83. *Jail Population*.—There were 97 prisoners of all classes in the Jail at the beginning of the year. 372 were admitted and 363 discharged during the year, leaving a balance of 106 prisoners at the end of the year. The daily average population was 96.18 as compared with 96.68 in the previous year.

84. *Convicts*.—The year began with a population of 83 convicts in the Jail. 105 convicts were admitted from the local courts; 12 released on bail were readmitted after rejection of appeal; 70 were admitted from the Sub-jails of the State and one from the Jalpaiguri Jail for release. The total admissions were 188 and the total number of convicts to be dealt with was 271. There were 172 discharges as shown below, leaving 99 at the close of the year :—

On expiry of sentence	...	...	...	...	94
On payment of fine	...	...	...	...	1
On remission of sentence under remission rules	...	...	...	...	30
On bail and appeal	...	...	...	...	38
On account of sickness	...	...	...	...	2
On furnishing security	...	...	...	...	5
Transferred to other Jails	...	...	...	...	1
Died	...	...	...	...	1
Total					172

One convict was sent to Gaibandha (Rungpur) Sub-jail for trial in a case against him in the court there. One escape occurred during the year from the Rice Mill where the man was deputed to work. The man was instantly captured and sent up for trial and was convicted and sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

The daily average number of convicts was 80.64 as compared with 86.9 in the previous year.

Excluding the 12 re-admissions, the total number of actual admissions was 176. Of these, 152 were natives of the State and 24 foreigners, the percentages being 86.36 and 13.64, respectively.

85. *Reconviction*.—Six old offenders were admitted into the Jail during the year, of whom 3 were reconvicted at the Sudder Courts and 3 at the Sub-Divisional Courts as compared with 9 in the previous year, the percentages being 2.85 of the total number of admissions of convicts from Sudder Courts against 10 of the previous year and 4.28 of the total number of admissions from Sub-Divisional Courts.

86. *Religion*.—The following statement shows the religion of convicts admitted from the local courts during the year and their percentages to the Jail population as compared with the figures of the previous two years:—

Description.		1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.
ADMISSIONS.—	Hindus ...	75	44	43
	Musalmans ...	50	43	61
	Other Denominations ...	1	8	1
PERCENTAGES.—	Hindus ...	59.52	48.8	40.95
	Musalmans ...	39.68	47.8	58.10
	Other denominations ...	79	3.3	.95

87. *Length of sentences*.—The following table shows the length of sentences passed by the Sudder Courts on convicts admitted during the year as compared with the figures of the previous year:—

Description.	1921-25.		1924-25.	
	Admission.	Percentage.	Admission.	Percentage.
Not exceeding 1 month ...	38	42.22	37	35.24
Above one month and not exceeding 3 months.	18	20.0	13	12.88
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months	9	10.0	14	13.34
Above 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	4	4.44	15	14.29
Above one year and not exceeding 2 years	1	1.12	2	1.90
Above 2 years and not exceeding 5 years	10	11.11	8	7.61
Above 5 years and not exceeding 10 years.	10	11.11	14	13.34
Transportation for life ...	.....	.....	2	1.90

The percentage of persons convicted was noticeably greater under the head "Not exceeding one year" than in the year before. There were two cases of "Transportation for life" against nil of the year before. They are now detained in the Sudder Jail.

88. *Female convicts*.—There was no female convict in the Jail at the beginning of the year. Four were admitted and two discharged during the year, leaving two in the Jail at the close of the year.

The daily average number was 1.07 as compared with 1.38 in the previous year.

The female prisoners are accommodated in a separate enclosure inside the Jail having a latrine and a water reservoir within it for their use. Cooked food is supplied to them from the general kitchen.

89. *Juvenile prisoners*.—One boy under the age of 16 years was admitted into the Jail during the year. He was sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment under section 380 Indian Penal Code.

90. *Transportation prisoners.*—There were 7 prisoners in the Jail at the beginning of the year undergoing sentences of transportation for life and 2 were admitted during the year. One of them was released during the year on account of an incurable illness, the unexpired portion of 11 years 5 months and 11 days of his sentence having been remitted by the Regency Council under section 401 Criminal Procedure Code.

91. *Remission System.*—Thirty convicts were released during the year under this system. The maximum remission earned by a convict was 11 months and 11 days. He had a sentence of 7 years' rigorous imprisonment.

92. *Offences and Punishments.*—The following table shows the Jail offences committed by, and the punishments awarded to, convicts during the year as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

			1924-25.	1923-24.
* Criminal offence ...	...	...	...	1
Offences relating to work ...	...	...	40	11
" " to forbidden articles ...	...	...	5	17
" " to assault &c. ...	...	...	1	...
" " to breaches of Jail discipline ...	...	...	20	9
" " to escape ...	...	...	...	1
	Total	...	66	39
Corporal punishment ...	...	...	...	...
Forfeiture of remissions ...	...	...	23	16
Degradation from higher to lower grade ...	...	...	4	1
Hand-cuffing to staple ...	...	...	9	6
Night hand-cuffs ...	...	...	...	...
Cross bar fetters ...	...	...	...	...
Penal diet ...	...	...	3	...
Change of labour ...	...	...	3	...
Gunny clothing ...	...	...	...	...
Solitary cell ...	...	...	...	...
Judicially punished ...	...	...	...	2
Heavy fetters ...	...	...	1	3
Warnings ...	...	...	23	11
	Total	...	66	39

There were two cases of offence judicially punished, one was for escape and the other for mischief caused by breaking Huller frames at the Rice Mill. The former was sentenced to one month's and the latter to 3 months' rigorous imprisonment.

93. *Undertrial prisoners.*—There were 13 prisoners at the beginning of the year. 91 were admitted from the local courts, 51 from the Sub-jails and 12 re-admitted on rejection of bail, making a total of 154 admissions, including the 13 remaining at the close of the previous year, altogether there were 167 prisoners to be dealt with. The number discharged was 162, of whom 66 were convicted, 37 acquitted, 31 released on bail, 25 transferred to Sub-jails and 3 sent to Kurigram court under extradition warrants. 5 prisoners remained in the Jail at the close of the year. Prisoners from Tufangunj Sub-jail were sent here for want of accommodation there. They had to be transferred and retransferred several times. The construction of a Sub-jail at Tufangunj during the current year has been sanctioned by the Regency Council. The average detention of undertrial prisoners was 31.24 days as compared with 22.45 days in the previous year.

The maximum and minimum periods of detention in Sessions and Magistrates' cases are given below :—

	1924-25.		1923-24.	
	Maximum days.	Minimum days.	Maximum days.	Minimum days.
Sessions cases ...	151	11	108	4
Magistrates cases ...	67	1	107	4

The following table shows the average periods of detention of undertrial prisoners tried by the different courts of the State :—

	Days.
1. Sessions Court-	75.20
2. Fouzdari Ahilkar	12.39
3. Treasury Officer	26.15
4. Debuttar Naib Ahilkar	11.25
5. Tufangunj Courts	17.95
6. Dinhata "	42.66
7. Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	1.00

Leaving out of consideration the 12 readmissions, the total of admissions of undertrial prisoners was 142. Of these, 115 were natives of the State, of whom 55 were Hindus and 60 Mahomedans, and 27 foreigners, of whom 20 were Hindus, 6 Mahomedans and 1 of other denomination.

The percentages of conviction and release amongst undertrial prisoners are given below as compared with the figures of the previous two years :—

Description.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.
Number of undertrial prisoners whose cases were disposed of	103	114	103
Number of undertrial prisoners convicted	43	55	66
Number of undertrial prisoners acquitted & discharged	60	59	37
Percentage of conviction	41.74	48.24	64.08
Percentage of release	58.26	51.76	35.92

94. *Civil Prisoners.*—There was one civil prisoner in the Jail at the beginning of the year 3 were admitted from the local courts and 4 from Sub-Jails, of whom 6 were released during the year, leaving 2 at the close of the year.

The daily average number was 0.95 as compared with 1.14 in the previous year.

95. *Lunatics.*—Two lunatics, one non-criminal (Kumar Kamalendra Narayan) and one criminal continued to remain in the Jail throughout the year.

One non-criminal lunatic of the State continued to be detained in the Mental Hospital at Berhampur. A monthly allowance of Rs. 8 is paid by the State for his maintenance.

A sum of Rs. 181-9-6 was spent for the maintenance of Kumar Kamalendra Narayan during the year.

96. *Employment of Prisoners.*—The average number of convict officers employed during the year was 7.83 as compared with 8.09 in the previous year. As usual, they were employed in carrying stores to and from the Jail and as watchmen over ordinary prisoners. Only one convict officer was punished during the year.

Convicts were employed on :—

- (1.) Oil pressing
- (2.) Crushing grains for making crushed food.
- (3.) Making Aerated water.
- (4.) Dál husking.
- (5.) Weaving.
- (6.) Gardening.
- (7.) Rice-Mill Industry.

They were also employed on ordinary Jail duties, on repairs to Jail buildings which are not under the Public Works Department and on hire to the public and State officers.

The following table shows the daily average number of labouring convicts employed on different works during the year.

1. Jail servants including convict officers and others employed for Jail purposes	...	...	...	...	26.45
2. Repairs to Jail	...	...	...	...	8.71
3. The Palace and its gardens	...	...	...	...	8.34
4. Working on hire	...	...	...	...	1.23
5. Jail garden	...	...	...	...	5.48
6. Jail manufacture excluding the Rice-mill	...	...	...	...	20.35
7. Rice-mill	...	...	...	...	13.13
					<hr/> 73.67

97. *Earnings*.—The following table shows the result of the manufacture operations carried on during the year :—

					Ra.	A.	P.
DEBITS.—							
Cash in hand at the end of previous year	...	...	...	...
Value of manufactured articles at the end of previous year	...	...	...	...	717	5	3
Value of raw materials at the end of previous year	...	32,026	3	9			
Value of plant and machinery at the end of previous year	...	6,687	5	3			
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the year under report	...	...	...	...	22	11	0
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the previous year	...	...	...	...	2,345	14	2
Amount drawn from Treasury during the year	...	17,480	15	11			
Total Debits		59,280	7	4			
CREDITS.—							
Cash in hand at the end of the year	...	...	...	...
Value of manufactured articles at the end of the year	...	5,535	6	0			
Value of manufactured articles made over to the Rice-Mill Committee (S&L scantlings)	...	...	...	...	740	9	3
Value of raw materials at the end of the year	...	2,565	5	6			
Value of raw materials made over to the Rice Mill Committee	...	...	...	...	378	7	10
Value of plant and machinery at the end of the year	...	1,062	2	0			
Value of plant and machinery made over to the Rice Mill Committee	...	...	...	...	6,913	12	11
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the year	...	...	...	...
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	8,047	9	5
Amount paid into the Treasury during the year	...	46,788	13	3			
Total Credits		67,027	2	2			
Difference or profit	...	7,746	10	10			
Average earning per head of those sentenced to labour	...	24	9	1			
Do. employed in manufacture (including garden) and extra-mural labour and Rice Mill	...	...	...	...	199	5	5

The profit of the year was Rs. 7,746-10-10 as compared with Rs. 8,540-9-6 in the previous year. The increase was due to the profit derived from the Rice Mill which amounted to Rs. 4,206-9-4.

The amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the close of the year was Rs. 3,047-9-5 as compared with Rs. 2,345-14-2 in the previous year.

The results of the principal industries carried on in the Jail during the year are shown below.

98. *Crushed food*.—The total sale of crushed food was Rs. 6,371-14-9 as compared with Rs. 7,558 in the previous year. The profit on this industry was Rs. 355-4-9 as compared with Rs. 956 in the previous year. The average earning was 0-3-11 (three annas eleven pies) per prisoner.

99. *Oil pressing*.—Two hundred and ninety-eight maunds and 15 seers of cleaned mustard seeds and 7 maunds 8 seers 12 chataks of Teel seeds of the aggregate value of Rs. 2,506-5-3 were pressed in the country mills of the Jail during the year, yielding 98 maunds 31 seers 10 chataks of oil and 197 maunds 32 seers 4 chataks of oil-cake of the total value of Rs. 3,545-0-9. The profit from this industry was thus Rs. 1,038-11-6 against Rs. 1,227 in the previous year. The daily average earning per prisoner was 10 annas 4 pies.

100. *Aerated water*.—Five thousand one hundred and forty-five bottles of Soda and 1938 bottles of Lemonade were manufactured and sold during the year to the estimated value of Rs. 392. Three Soda water machines were thoroughly repaired and parts renewed at a cost of Rs. 111 and thus there was no profit in the industry.

101. *Dāl and wheat grinding*.—This industry was maintained mainly for the supply of Dāl and Atta to prisoners. The total quantity of pulses and wheat ground during the year was 141 maunds which yielded an outturn of 112 maunds of Dāl and Atta and 25 maunds of Bhushi. The latter was partly sold and partly used as food for the Jail cattle. There was a profit of Rs. 112 as compared with Rs. 261 in the previous year.

102. *Gardening*.—The net profit under this head was Rs. 594 as compared with Rs. 776 in the previous year. This amount includes Rs. 254 received from the sale of fresh date juice.

103. *Weaving and Tailoring*.—The profit from weaving and tailoring for making prisoners' clothing was Rs. 198 against Rs. 299 of the previous year.

104. *Rice Mill*.—During the year under report serious irregularities in the working and management of the Rice Mill by the Jail Department and gross mismanagement came to light. As a result of this the Jailor, who was a retired Government official, was dismissed from State service and the management of the mill was made over to a small Committee with the Superintendent of Police as Secretary of the Committee.

105. The gross estimated earnings of prisoners are given below calculated at the rate of six annas per diem as the wages of each prisoner :—

Description.	1921-25.		1925-26.	
	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.
Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed in preparing articles for Jail use	3,357	12	2,053	4
Prisoners employed on Jail repairs	831	6	428	10
Do. Do. in the Palace and its garden	484	10	386	10
Do. Do. hired out	160	8	142	8
Do. Do. on Jail garden	1,020	15	638	0
Do. Do. on manufactures	3,552	12	2,350	14
Do. Do. in Rice Mill	.....		1,523	10
Total	9,357	15	8,518	8

106. The following table shows the gross and net cost of the Jail and the average cost per prisoner for maintenance as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Heads of charges.	1924-25.			1923-24.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	6,783	14	3	6,671	12	7
Feeding charges	7,207	4	9	7,349	2	6
Contingencies including Hospital charges	1,160	5	9	1,413	15	0
Clothing and bedding	1,742	1	0	2,265	4	6
Building and repairs	443	3	9	341	10	3
Travelling allowance	4	14	0	30	5	0
Total	17,281	11	6	18,072	1	10
Deduct estimated earning	9,357	15	0	8,518	8	0
Net cost	7,923	12	6	9,553	9	10
Average cost of each prisoner	199	2	7	186	14	3
Net average cost of each prisoner	91	5	1	98	13	0

107. The average prices paid for the principal articles of Jail diet are given below :—

				Per maund.		
				Rs.	A.	P.
Rice ... ..	...	...	...	6	8	8
Dāl ... ..	...	...	...	6	14	4
Attah ... ..	...	...	...	8	12	0
Mustard oil ... ..	...	...	...	30	12	3
Salt ... ..	...	...	...	2	12	0
Meat ... ..	...	...	...	25	0	0
Fish ... ..	...	...	...	16	8	0
Dahi ... ..	...	...	...	9	12	9

108. The average cost per prisoner incurred under the different heads of charges is shown below as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Heads of charges.	1924-25.			1923-24.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	77	15	3	69	5	11
Feeding charges	82	8	9	76	6	6
Contingencies including Hospital charges	14	6	0	14	11	2
Clothing and bedding	20	8	9	23	8	9
Building and repairs	5	8	3	3	8	9
Travelling allowance	0	1	0	0	4	11

109. *Hospital.*— Fifty-one prisoners were treated as in-door patients in the Jail Hospital as compared with 72 in the previous year. Out-door patients treated for minor diseases numbered 2767. The daily average number of sick prisoners was 0.98 against 1.32 in the previous year.

The principal diseases treated during the year were :—

				In-door.	Out-door.
Malarial Fever ... ..	...	...	...	11	1528
Dysentery ... ..	...	...	...	12	58
Diarrhoea and Dyspepsia ... ..	...	...	...	4	160
Other diseases ... ..	...	...	...	24	1021
				51	2767

One prisoner died of debility and anæmia in the Jail Hospital during the year. He was received from Mathabanga Sub-jail in a very bad state of health.

Water drawn from the well inside the Jail was used throughout the year for drinking purposes. It was boiled and cooled before distribution. The well was regularly disinfected during the year with Permanganate of Potash under the supervision of the Medical Officer.

110. I visited the Jail once during the year. The local Resident Minister of the Nababkhan Soanaj visited the Jail every Monday and delivered short sermons to prisoners.

The Foudari Ahlikar and the Civil Surgeon visited the Institution regularly.

111. The following staff worked during the year :—

Rai Shaheb Guru Charan Dutt served as the Jailor from the beginning of the year up to 16th January 1926 when he was dismissed from State service and clerk Srijut Haranath Sarkar for the remaining period of the year as Sub-protem Jailor.

Srijut Haranath Sarkar served as Clerk from 1st April 1925 to 16th January 1926.

Srijut Basanta Kumar Chatterjee served as Store Keeper from 1st April 1925 to 16th January 1926.

Srijut Basanta Kumar Chatterjee served as Clerk from 17th January 1926 to 31st March 1926.

Munshi Talebali Ahmed served as Acting Store Keeper from 6th February 1926 to 31st March 1926.

Statements C, D, E, F, G, H and I are appended.

112. *Sub-Jails*.—Thirteen prisoners remained at the 4 Sub-Jails at the beginning of the year. 383 were admitted and 379 discharged, leaving 17 prisoners at the close of the year.

The discharges consisted of 214 releases and 165 transfers.

The daily average population was at :—

Dinhata	...	...	...	4.80
Mathabhanga	...	...	...	7.68
Mekliganj	...	...	...	1.85
Tufangunj	...	...	...	1.89

The Police guards in the Sub-Jails were replaced by Warder guards with effect from April 1925. The guards worked under the direct control of the Sub-Divisional Officers who are officers in charge of the Sub-Jails.

113. The following table shows the disposal of prisoners in the 4 Sub-Jails of the State :—

		Names of Sub-jails.*			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Tufangunj.
Released ...	{ 1924-25	53	149	37	30
	{ 1925-26	80	71	19	44
Transferred {	1924-25	27	49	43	76
	1925-26	31	36	10	88
Escaped ...	{ 1924-25	1	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1925-26	.....	.....	.....	.....
Died ...	{ 1924-25	.....	.....	.....	.....
	{ 1925-26	.....	.....	.....	.....

114. The following table shows the gross and the average cost as well as the gross earnings in the Sub-jails :—

		Names of Lock-ups.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Tufangunj.
Daily average No.	{ 1924-25	284	1140	473	300
	{ 1925-26	480	768	185	189
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gross earnings ...	{ 1924-25	6 12 0	46 6 6	57 12 0	.....
	{ 1925-26	11 4 0	.....	17 12 0	.....
Gross cost ...	{ 1924-25	537 9 8	1,470 2 5	592 15 1	494 14 6
	{ 1925-26	1,228 13 5	1,627 14 5	1,037 1 1	1,042 9 0
Average cost ...	{ 1924-25	189 4 9	108 10 2	122 10 5	115 10 2
	{ 1925-26	256 11 4	211 11 2	567 2 8	240 12 2

The increase in cost is due to the inclusion of the cost of the Guard Establishment which hitherto was borne by the Police Department.

115. The Fouzdari Ahilkar inspected all the Sub-jails during the year. The Civil Surgeon visited the Mekliganj and Tufangunj Sub-jails.

The Naib Ahilkars of the Sub-Divisions visited their respective Sub-jails regularly.

Tufangunj Sub-jail was visited by Your Highness and me. I also inspected the Mathabhanga Sub-jail.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

116. *Charge.*—Rai Sarada Charan Mitra Bahadur, B. E., took over charge of the Department on the afternoon of the 24th March 1926 from Srijut Jogendra Chandra Roy, B. Sc., Officiating State Engineer, who was in charge of the Department up to that date.

117. An unsatisfactory feature of the working of the Public Works Department during the year under report, was the failure to complete during the year several works which should have been completed.

118. As in previous years, the report has been divided into the following 6 sections, viz.—

- I. Public Works Department (Ordinary).
- II. Palace Public Works Department.
- III. Communication Improvement Fund.
- IV. Contribution Works.
- V. Establishment.
- VI. Chaklajat Public Works Department.

SECTION I.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—ORDINARY.

119. The original grant for the year under this section was Rs. 1,33,519 which was subsequently increased to Rs. 1,54,931 in the Revised Budget.

The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,29,454 against Rs. 98,190 of the previous year. The difference of Rs. 25,477 between the amount provided in the Revised Budget and the actual expenditure is due to the general savings and non-completion of several items of works. Statement 'J' appended shows the details of expenditure under the different heads.

The total receipts amounted to Rs. 12,219 against Rs. 9,388 of the previous year. The increase is mainly due to the inclusion of a large number of rented buildings in the list and recovery of rents in arrears.

The expenditure under Section I has been sub-divided into :—

- (1) Original Works.
- (2) Repairs.

(1) ORIGINAL WORKS.

120. *Original Works.*—The total expenditure on original works was Rs. 88,091 against Rs. 35,393 of the previous year.

The important original works executed during the year under report are briefly described below :—

1. Diameter pucca well in the Tufanganj Dakh Bungelow Compound.—The work has been completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 469 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 800.

Construction in the Military Lines of a Fuel shed, Pucca Well, Quarter guard with Gun Shed, 3 x water latrine, Cook Shed and changing the Gun Shed into Berberies.—All the works of this project were completed at a total cost of Rs. 11,492 against the total estimate of Rs. 11,500.

4' Diameter pucca well in the Dispensary compound at Tufangunj.—A 4' diameter pucca well was sunk in the Dispensary compound at Tufangunj at a cost of Rs. 517 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 560.

3' Diameter pucca well at the Tehsildar's quarters at Haldibari.—A 3' diameter pucca well was sunk at the Tehsildar's quarters at Haldibari at a cost of Rs. 228 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 260.

Changing the corrugated iron roof of the Kitchen and Store shed in the Naib Ahlikar's quarters at Mekligunj.—The corrugated iron roofs of the Kitchen and Store shed in the Naib Ahlikar's quarters at Mekligunj were changed at a cost of Rs. 595 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 600.

Pucca Latrine in the Lock-up at Mathabhanga.—A two seated pucca latrine was constructed in the Mathabhanga Lock-up at a cost of Rs. 317 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 250.

Pucca well in the Rest house at Mathabhanga.—The work of sinking a 4' diameter pucca well in the Rest house compound at Mathabhanga is in progress. Rs. 359 was spent during the year under report against the provision of Rs. 360 and the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 560. The balance has been provided in the Budget for 1926-27.

Construction of a Record Room for the Registration Department.—The work is in progress. Rs. 2,727 only could be expended during the year under report against the provision of Rs. 5,000.

Full terracing the roof of Malcutchery and Duar Office.—The roofs of the Malcutchery and Duar Office building were full terraced at a cost of Rs. 1,043 against the sanctioned estimate of 1,050.

Providing corrugated iron roof to the existing thatched shed in the Jenkins School.—The thatched shed of the Jenkins School was provided with corrugated iron roofing, the mat walls were replaced with 10" brick walls, two new verandahs were provided on the east and west sides of the building, two porticos were added on the south verandah and new doors and windows were supplied at a cost of Rs. 7,153 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 7,000. The additional expenditure of Rs. 153 was met from general savings.

Construction of a Corrugated iron shed Malkhana for the Court Office (Police) at Tufangunj.—A corrugated iron shed consisting of three rooms (one for godown 12' x 10', one for office room 12' x 12' and one for the Lock-up 12' x 8') with 10" pucca walls and terraced floor was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,259 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,300.

Certain improvements to the Veterinary Surgeon's quarters at Cooch Behar.—The sleeping shed in the Veterinary Surgeon's quarters had to be dismantled and re-erected with necessary additions and alterations at a cost of Rs. 245 against the provision of Rs. 350.

Providing accommodation for the Civil prisoners in the Sudder Jail.—A sleeping house 16' x 10' and a Cook shed 13'-5" x 6'-10" with corrugated iron roofing, brick-nogging walls and pucca floor, together with the necessary compound wall and a latrine were constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,236 against the estimate of Rs. 1,200. The excess was trifling and was met from general savings.

Two seated latrine for the Sudder Police Station.—A two seated pucca latrine for the Sudder Police Station was constructed at a cost of Rs. 451 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 400.

Mahomedan Cook shed in the Sudder Police Station.—A corrugated iron roofed cook shed 25'-4" × 19'-4" consisting of 4 rooms 6'-3" × 10' each was constructed for the Mahomedan Constables in the Sudder Police Station at a cost of Rs. 498 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 336.

Extension of the Treasury building at Cooch Behar with certain other necessary improvements.—The works could not be completed during the year. A sum of Rs. 241 only could be spent against the provision of Rs. 3,750. The balance will be provided in the Revised Budget of 1926-27.

Providing two dust bins and constructing a three seated pucca latrine close to the Council office.—A three seated pucca latrine with a two seated urinal was constructed behind the west wing of the Council building and two 3' diameter dust bins were provided at a cost of Rs. 894 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 954.

Construction of a pucca latrine in the Naib Ahilka's quarters at Tufanganj.—A pucca latrine 4'-6" × 4' was constructed at a cost of Rs. 286 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 275. The excess was met from general savings.

Construction of a sitting room at the northern quarters of Babu Jogendra Lal Sen's house.—The work could not be completed during the year as the joist for the roofing did not arrive in time. Rs. 700 only was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 1,800. The balance will be provided in the Revised Budget for 1926-27.

3' diameter pucca well in the Balarampur Inspection Bungalow.—The work could not be completed during the year. Out of the provision of Rs. 450, only Rs. 177 was spent during the year. The balance will be provided in the Revised Budget for 1926-27.

Reconstruction of a pucca wall of the Kitchen attached to the Madan Mohan Temple and half-terracing the roof of the Durgabari.—The pucca walls of the Kitchen attached to the Madan Mohan Temple were reconstructed and the roof of the Durgabari was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 746 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 750.

Providing double gate in the Sudder Jail.—The work could not be completed during the year. Out of the total provision of Rs. 400 only Rs. 316 was spent. Application for the provision of the balance in the Revised Budget for 1926-27 will be submitted.

Corrugated iron roofed shed for the Treasury Guards and Malkhana at Dinahata.—A corrugated iron roofed shed 32'-8" × 17'-6" consisting of two rooms, one for the Treasury Guards and the other for the Malkhana with a verandah 5-10' wide in front of the Guard room was constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,694 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,900.

Constructing a Lavatory for the use of the Audit Officer.—A lavatory 6' × 6' attached to the Audit Office building was provided at a cost of Rs. 648 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 876.

Furniture for the Revenue Officer.—Several articles of furniture were purchased for the use of the Revenue Officer at a cost of Rs. 1,368 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,175. The additional expenditure of Rs. 193 was met from the general savings.

Construction of a Pantry for the Staff Bungalow.—A pantry by extending the building towards the north was constructed at a cost of Rs. 205 against the sanctioned estimate of that amount.

III. Forests in General.—A list of Forests in the State maintained by the Public Works Department is given below. All the forests mentioned

therein were maintained according to the needs of each. The total cost was Rs. 359 against the provision of Rs. 500:—

Serial No.	Locality.	Class of Forest.	Natural or cultural.	Areas.
				B. K. Ch.
1.	Nilkuty ...	Sisoo.	Cultural.	125 0 0
2.	Do. ...	Do.	Do.	121 0 0
3.	Do. ...	Do.	Do.	2 15 0
4.	Peelkhana ...	Do.	Do.	0 18 0
5.	Charakorkuty ...	Do.	Do.	585 6 12
6.	Ghegirghat Natuarpar ...	Do.	Do.	300 1 18
7.	Nababganj Balasi ...	Do.	Do.	178 13 7
8.	Torsa Char Forest ...	Do.	Natural.	17 0 4
9.	Kholta ...	Do.	Cultural.	8 0 0
10.	Bogribari ...	Do.	Do.	10 0 0
11.	Gossanimari ...	Sal.	Natural.	67 0 0
12.	Jigabari ...	Do.	Do.	1 15 0
13.	Natabari (Charaljani) ...	Do.	Do.	57 0 0
14.	Charan Sathalee ...	Do.	Do.	67 0 0
15.	Chota Salbari ...	Do.	Do.	2 15 0
16.	Bara Salbari ...	Do.	Do.	50 0 0
17.	Nilkuty ...	Do.	Cultural.	1 0 0
18.	Do. ...	Do.	Do.	7 0 0
19.	Mathalhanga Balarhat ...	Do.	Natural.	38 15 0
20.	Teldhar Bodeswari ...	Do.	Do.	261 2 0
21.	Garati ...	Do.	Do.	124 0 0
22.	Nilkuty ...	Teak.	Cultural.	3 0 0
23.	Peelkhana ...	Do.	Do.	2 5 0
24.	Dowaguri ...	Do.	Do.	3 0 0
25.	Nilkuty ...	Do.	Do.	8 2 0
26.	Talliguri ...	Do.	Do.	3 0 0
27.	Kholta ...	Do.	Do.	6 0 0
Total ...				2051 9 9

122. *Planting and Protecting Trees.*—A number of new plantations were made and old plants were provided with bamboo gabions at a cost of Rs. 837 against the provision of Rs. 1,000.

(2) REPAIRS.

123. *Repairs.*—The sub-joined statement shows the expenditure on repairs for the last three years.

The total expenditure on Repairs during the year under report amounted to Rs. 55,690 against a provision of Rs. 68,109.

Class of building.	Expenditure for 1923-24.			Expenditure for 1924-25.			Expenditure for 1925-26.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Private Residences ...	9,526	286	9,812	7,534	298	7,832	14,702	561	15,263
II. Court Houses ...	3,635	.....	3,635	8,771	40	8,811	8,621	44	8,665
III. Medical ...	3,268	58	3,326	1,797	.....	1,797	2,188	199	2,387
IV. Educational ...	8,096	169	8,265	6,265	578	6,843	7,300	.....	7,300
V. Police and Military ...	1,451	155	1,606	1,162	216	1,378	1,336	200	1,536
VI. Government Offices—Post & Telegraph Offices &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	79	228	.....	228
VII. Public Works ...	1,884	.....	1,884	1,567	465	2,032	887	.....	887
VIII. Dāk-Bungalows ...	2,251	.....	2,251	1,584	.....	1,584	1,444	.....	1,444
IX. Religious and Ecclesiastical.	4,453	.....	4,453	3,888	53	3,936	2,747	224	2,971
X. Jail and Lock-ups ...	1,521	37	1,558	1,268	45	1,313	1,662	.....	1,662
XI. Miscellaneous ...	8,401	.....	8,401	4,403	99	4,502	3,819	79	3,898
XII. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	1,379	.....	1,379	248	90	1,038	14,954	.....	14,954
Total ...	45,865	705	46,570	34,182	1,963	36,145	54,888	1,307	55,690

Private Residences.—General repairs were done.

Court houses.—The Court houses and the State offices both at Sudder and the sub-divisions were repaired.

Medical.—General repairs were done to the Dispensaries both at Sudder and in Mofussil.

Educational.—General repairs were done to the Victoria College, the Jenkins School and the Boarding houses at Sudder and the School buildings in the sub-divisions.

Police and Military.—Ordinary repairs were done to the Barracks, stables and Magazine.

Government Offices.—Post and Telegraphic Offices.—Petty repairs were done to the Post Office building at Cooch Behar.

• *Public Works.*—General repairs were done during the year.

Dak Bungalows.—The Sudder Dak Bungalow and Mofussil Rest houses were repaired.

Religious and Ecclesiastical.—The Brahma Samaj building and the Sudder and Mofussil Thakurbaries had general repairs executed.

Jails, and Lock-ups.—General repairs were done to the Sudder Jail and the Mofussil Lock-ups.

Miscellaneous.—The Pilkhana, Guest houses and godown &c. were generally repaired.

Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—The Polo ground at Nilkuty and Tanks and Wells maintained by the Department were generally repaired.

For the protection of the Race course, Polo ground and Cemetery from the erosion of the Mora Torsha river, a bund was constructed and a channel was cut to divert the water of the stream by the east.

Fifty tube wells were purchased under the water supply scheme for sinking in 25 neighbouring taluqs and several pucca wells, constructed several years ago under the Anti-cholera Scheme, were thoroughly repaired.

Tools and Plant.—The undermentioned Tools and Plant were purchased at a cost of Rs. 8,042 against the provision of Rs. 9,000. Repairs to Tools and Plant were done at a cost of Rs. 3,875 against the provision of Rs. 4,000.

Portable Engine	...	...	...	1 No.
Pile Engines	...	...	...	2 "
Lightning Conductor apparatus	...	...	...	1 Item.
Manilla ropes	...	...	...	800 Rft.
Measuring Tape	...	...	100 ft.	2 No.
Do.	...	...	50'	4 "
Drawing Instrument box	...	...	...	1 "
Office table	...	...	...	1 "
Secretariat Chair	...	...	...	1 "
Ordinary Office table	...	...	...	1 "
Office chair	...	...	...	1 "
Miscellaneous Drawing Instruments	...	...	...	1 Item.
Tube well sinking apparatus	...	...	...	1 No.
Pipe screwing tackles	...	...	...	1 "
Vulcan chain vice	...	...	...	1 "
Pulley block	...	...	...	1 "
Snatch block	...	...	...	1 "
Gin block	...	...	...	1 "
Minor Tools	...	...	...	1 Item.

SECTION II.—PALACE.

124. The original grant for the year under report was Rs. 65,908. This was increased to Rs. 96,159 in the Revised Budget owing to several

additional works carried out in accordance with Your Highness' orders. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 89,453 against Rs. 64,088 of the previous year *vide* statement 'K' appended.

The Palace Public Works Department has been sub-divided into two main heads :—

I. Cooch Behar Palace.

II. Woodlands.

1.—COOCH BEHAR PALACE.

125. *Original works.*—The original works executed during the year under report are described below :—

Half-terracing the roof of the Stable.—The work was completed at a total cost of Rs. 4,630 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 4,500. The excess was met from general savings.

Providing revolving fan light with figured glass and some additions and alterations of the doors in Her Highness' wing in the Palace.—As the glass panels indented for the second time from London, also arrived in a broken condition the work of alterations to the doors could not be completed. Only Rs. 5,315 could be adjusted against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 6,500. On account of the difficulty in obtaining the glass panels from London the accounts of this project were closed. The remaining portion of the works will be included in the project for 1926-27 for the construction of new turrets.

REPAIRS.

126. *Repairs to Palace and connected buildings.*—General repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 27,822 against the provision of Rs. 31,124, the details of which are shown in the statement appended. The work on the lightning conductors of the Palace and the Stables was completed during the year.

II.—WOODLANDS.

127. The undermentioned original works were executed during the year under this head :—

Imitation granite stone floor in the three rooms of the main building.—The Secretary's room, Miss Hobart's (Governess) room and the Aide-de-camp's room were provided with imitation granite stone floors and the Dining room was provided with marble flooring at a cost of Rs. 3,892 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 3,900.

Certain additions and alterations in the main building.—The following works were carried out during the year at a cost of Rs. 18,468 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 18,300. The excess was met from general savings :—

- (1) The Dark room was converted into a Strong room.
- (2) Two bath rooms were provided to the room known as Prince Victor's room.
- (3) A new staircase was provided on the north-east corner leading to the northern verandah upstairs and the old eastern staircase was removed and refitted on the southern verandah.
- (4) The Dining room was extended towards the southern verandah.
- (5) Petty additional works for the improvement of the house as ordered by Your Highness.

128. *Additional accommodation for the Stable at Woodlands.*—A corrugated iron roofed Stable with 10' pucca walls consisting of 12 stalls each measuring 12' x 11' and a godown 9' x 12' with 5' wide continuous open verandah in front was constructed at a cost of Rs. 9,865 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 9,750.

REPAIRS.

129. *Repairs to houses and upkeep of roads.*—The houses were thoroughly repaired at a total cost of Rs. 9,921 against the provision of Rs. 11,000.

130. *Remetalling compound roads.*—The compound roads at Woodlands were remetalled at a cost of Rs. 999 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,000.

131. *Repairs to Lightning Conductors at Woodlands.*—The Lightning conductors at Woodlands were repaired at a cost of Rs. 550 which was provided in the Revised Budget of the year.

132. A detailed statement of expenditure on repairs to the Palaces during the year under report as compared with that of the two previous years is given below:—

Name of Palace.	Expenditure in 1923-24.			Expenditure in 1924-25.			Expenditure in 1925-26.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Palace, Cooch Behar ...	18,645	365	19,010	22,571	206	22,777	27,508	314	27,822
II.— „ Woodlands (Calcutta)	10,279	399	10,678	6,627	243	6,870	11,470	243	11,713

SECTION III.—COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

133. The original grant for the Communication Improvement Fund was Rs. 1,23,509 for the year under review and it was increased to Rs. 1,24,843 in the Revised Budget.

The total expenditure in this section amounted to Rs. 91,713 leaving a balance of Rs. 33,130 which was refunded to the Treasury.

The receipts of the year under report were Rs. 13 against Rs. 139 of the previous year.

The Communication Improvement Fund works have been sub-divided into two heads:—

- (1.) Original Works.
- (2.) Repairs.

(1) ORIGINAL WORKS.

134. *Original Works.*—The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 37,171 against Rs. 20,615 of the previous year.

The original works executed during the year under report are briefly described below:—

Providing pucca culverts and Timber bridges on roads—The following pucca culverts were constructed during the year under report:—

- (1) One 5' span pucca culvert in the 6th mile of the Rungpur Road
- (2) One 5' span pucca culvert in the 4th mile of the Garodhat Road
- (3) One 5' span pucca culvert in the 10th mile of the Patlakhawa Road.
- (4) One 5' span pucca culvert in the 45th mile of the Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar.
- (5) One 5' span pucca culvert in the 31st mile of the Dihata-Mekligunj Road.
- (6) One 4' span pucca culvert in the 4th mile of the Changrabandha-Jamaldah Road.

- (7) One 4' span pucca culvert in the 21st mile of the Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar.
- (8) One 6' span pucca culvert in the 5th mile of the Cooch Behar-Sitalkhuchi Road.
- (9) One 6' span pucca culvert in the 17th mile of the Kakina Road.
- (10) One 6' span pucca culvert in the 6th mile of the Dinhata-Buxirhat Road.

The following bridges provided under this head could not be completed during the year on account of difficulties in obtaining labour and materials:—

- (1) One 10' span iron bridge in the 9th mile of the Chikliguri Road.
- (2) One 20' span wooden bridge in the 13th mile of the Banerwar-Sukandighi Road.
- (3) One 12' span wooden bridge in the 13th mile of Banerwar-Sukandighi Road.

Rupees 9,007 only could be expended during the year against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 12,000.

Changing B. P. Tough plates of the iron bridges on the 8th and 11th miles of the Mathabhanga-Sitalkhuchi Road.—The works were completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 5,944 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 6,000.

Iron bridge on the 8th mile of the Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.—The work is still in progress. Only Rs. 3,939 could be adjusted out of the provision of Rs. 6,000.

Reconstruction of 50' iron bridge on the 2nd mile of the Ratherdanga Road.—The work was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 5,338 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 5,500.

Iron bridge of 20' span on the 30th mile of the Purbabhag Road.—A 20' span iron bridge on the 30th mile of Purbabhag Road was constructed during the year at a cost of Rs. 2,555 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,800.

Iron bridge on the 2nd mile of the Durgapur Road.—An iron bridge of 4 spans of 20' each on the 2nd mile of the Durgapur Road (branch of Kakina Road) was constructed during the year at a cost of Rs. 7,845 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 8,000.

Iron bridge on the 5th mile of the Emigration Road west.—The work on the bridge could not be completed during the year. Rs. 4,645 only could be spent against the provision of Rs. 5,500.

Protection of the Lowkuty Road and neighbouring areas from the Overflow current of the Takoamari river.—The work could not be taken in hand during the year for want of labour. A separate report on this project will be submitted later on.

Iron bridge on the 11th mile of the cross road from Patgram to Bhutan.—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,795 was adjusted during the year against the provision of Rs. 5,000.

Timber bridge on the 10th mile of the Emigration road west.—The work could not be completed during the year. Rs. 2,016 was expended out of the provision of Rs. 5,300.

• *Reconstruction and extension of the Bhetaguri Iron bridge on the Rungpur Road.*—As the iron materials were not received in time, very little progress could be made. Rs. 524 only could be expended during the year against the provision of Rs. 8,000.

(2.)—REPAIRS.

135. The statement "L" appended shows the mileage of roads in the State under the Department with other details. The expenditure incurred on each road has been shown in the statement "M". The statement "N" gives

details of works done on each road. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 51,789 against Rs. 47,464 of the previous year.

DRAINAGE.

136. *Opening and maintaining drainage channels in the State.*—A 4' span pucca culvert with a sluice gate at the 2nd offile of the Keshab road at Khagra-bari to let out the rain water of the Khagra-bari block and to prevent the flood water coming from the Mara Torsa was under construction. Rs. 1,266 only could be adjusted during the year against the provision of Rs. 1,500.

SECTION IV—CONTRIBUTION WORKS.

137. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs. 41,572 against Rs. 5,060 of the previous year *vide* statement 'O' appended.

The following are the principal items of expenditure.

Anti-choleera Tube Wells.—A new pattern Driving Apparatus and Cleaning set and 10 new pitcher Spout pumps No. 3, were purchased under this head. Several tube wells had to be sunk in Cholera-affected places during the year. The total charges incurred during the year were Rs. 753.

Constructing Boundary Pillars in the State.—Rupees 826 was expended during the year in erecting boundary pillars in different places. The expenditure up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 8,238.

Constructing Prajabatsal Maharaj Jitendra Narayan Chikitsalaya at Cooch Behar.—Brick work up to the first floor level was done and arched flooring completed during the year under report. Rs. 34,363 was expended during the year and the total amount disbursed up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 53,307. Out of this amount Rs. 12,000 were with the Imperial Bank of India. Hence the real expenditure amounted to Rs. 41,306-13-11 only.

Construction of Principal's room and office building in the Victoria College.—A corrugated iron roofed house consisting of two rooms 25' x 20' and 15' x 20' with a 6' wide verandah in front, with pucca plinth 10' brick walls and wooden ceiling for the Principal's room and office was constructed at a cost of Rs. 5,298 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 5,415.

SECTION V.—ESTABLISHMENT.

138. The following establishment was maintained during the year under report :—

	Rs.
P. W. Ordinary	26,350
Chaklajet	799
Palaces—	
Cooch Behar	680
Woodlands	1,712
Total	29,541

The sum provided in the budgets of the year under report was distributed as follows :—

	Rs. ●
P. W. Department	28,403
Chaklajet	824
Palace, Cooch Behar	680
" Woodlands	1,716
Total	31,623

With the aid of this establishment works to the value of Rs. 8,06,910 were done. The details are given below :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department—Ordinary ...	93,782
Communication Improvement Fund ...	90,225
Palace, Cooch Behar ...	80,661
Woodlands ...	48,439
Contribution Works ...	41,572
Chaklajat ...	7,231
Total ...	3,06,910

The percentage of expenditure on Establishment with reference to the total expenditure on works comes to 9.62 per cent against 13.43 per cent of the previous year. The percentage of Engineering Establishment including Travelling Allowance and Inspection charges with reference to the total expenditure comes to 5.11 per cent against 5.95 per cent of the previous year. The percentage of office establishment with reference to the total budget provision excluding the Darjeeling bills and estimates comes to 1.77 only.

SECTION VI—GHAKLAJAT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

139. The original provision in the year under review was Rs. 8,992 and this was increased to Rs. 9,064 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 8,030 against Rs. 10,468 of the previous year. The Statement 'P' appended shows the expenditure on works executed during the year.

ORIGINAL WORKS.

Reconstruction of Mahuts' quarters at Debigunj.—A corrugated iron roofed sleeping shed 18' x 12' and a cook shed 12' x 8' and Kalta Cheqoar enclosure were constructed for Mahuts' quarters at Debigunj at a cost of Rs. 698 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 700.

Pucca latrine in the Patgram Toke Kutchery.—A pucca latrine 4' x 4' was constructed at the Patgram Toke Kutchery at a cost of Rs. 289 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 320.

Construction of a Paik's cook shed in the Sonahar Cutchery.—A corrugated iron roofed cookshed 15' x 10' consisting of two rooms 7' - 6" x 10' each with pucca plinth, mat walls and mud floor was constructed at a cost of Rs. 339 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 360.

Construction of a Bhog Ghar in the Bhadreswar Temple.—A corrugated iron roofed Bhog Ghar 15' x 10' with pucca plinth and mud floor was constructed at a cost of Rs. 326 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 350.

REPAIRS.

General repairs were done to the buildings at a total cost of Rs. 5,579 against the provision of Rs. 6,472.

Establishment charges came to Rs. 799 against Rs. 767 of the previous year.

V.—ARTISANS SCHOOL.

140. *Charge.*—Rai Sarada Charan Mitra Bahadur, B.E., took over charge of the Artisans School on the 24th March, 1926 afternoon from Srijiut Jogensdra Chandra Roy who was in-charge of the Department up to that date.

The original budget grant of the Artisans School for the year under report was Rs. 26,000 which was decreased to Rs. 24,968 in the Revised Budget, while the original estimated receipt of Rs. 21,829 was subsequently reduced to Rs. 21,762 in the Revised Budget.

The total expenditure of the year amounted to Rs. 19,036 and the balance of Rs. 5,927 was remitted to the Treasury as the unexpended balance.

141. The statement of expenditure is given below :—

				Rs.
<i>I. Establishment.—</i>				
(1) Permanent Establishment	...	...	...	3,681
(2) Travelling allowance	...	...	...	6
(3) Contingencies	...	...	...	168
		Total	...	4,055
<i>II. Tools and Plant.—</i>				
(1) Purchase of Tools	...	...	...	1,129
(2) Repairing Tools	...	...	...	247
		Total	...	1,376
<i>III. Purchase of Raw Materials for manufacturing articles.—</i>				
The expenditure under this head was	...	...	...	7,130
<i>IV. Temporary Establishment and Ticea Labourers.—</i>				
The expenditure under this head was	...	...	...	5,114
<i>V. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—</i>				
(1) Repairs to Tube wells	...	...	...	171

142. Out of the provision for the purchase of Tools, the undermentioned articles were purchased during the year under report :—

(1) Lathe	...	...	...	1 No.
(2) New C.I. Split Sockets for 1½ pipe	...	...	...	3 Pairs.
(3) Vesuvius Blow lamp	...	...	...	1 No.
(4) Taps and Dies from ¼" to ½"	...	...	...	1 Set.
(5) Vulcan Chain pipe wrench.	...	...	...	2 Nos.
(6) Stanley adjustable beading rebate and matching plane	...	...	...	1 No.
(7) Stanley adjustable circular planes	...	...	...	1 No.

143. The estimated amount of receipts for the year was Rs. 21,829 which was reduced to Rs. 21,762 in the Revised Estimate. The actual amount of receipts of the year under report was Rs. 11,621 including realisation of the arrears of previous years against the sum of Rs. 11,673 as the actual value of works executed. The nett arrears of the year were Rs. 795 so that a sum of Rs. 743 was due to arrears realised for previous years.

144. The arrears of Rs. 795 were mainly due to non-expiry of 8 months after the submission of the bills, as, under the rules, the bills are to be paid within 8 months and hence some of the State officials did not make payments within the year.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. *Establishment.*—Rupees 4,055 was spent against the revised provision of Rs. 4,462.

2. *Tools and Plant.*—Rupees 876 was spent for purchase and repair of Tools against the revised provision of Rs. 1,550.

3. *Purchase of Raw materials.*—Rupees 7,130 was spent against the provision of Rs. 11,000.

4. *Miscellaneous Public Improvement.*—

(a) Rupees 102 was spent for repairing Anti-cholera Tube wells against the provision of Rs. 250.

(b) Rupees 69 was spent for supplying and sinking a Hire-purchase system Tube well against the provision of Rs. 125.

VI.—EDUCATION.

I.—PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

145. *Charge.*—Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen, B.A., late Inspector of Schools, held charge of the Primary and Secondary Education in the State up to the 18th September 1925, when he went on combined leave for one year on account of ill-health. Sri Jut Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B. A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, was appointed to officiate for him and was subsequently appointed Inspector of Schools, with effect from the 6th January 1926, owing to the death of the permanent incumbent, Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen, on the 5th January 1926.

Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen served the State faithfully for a period of 18 years in the capacities of Deputy Inspector of Schools and Inspector of Schools. By his death the State has lost an efficient and hardworking officer.

146. The table appended gives in a summary form the details of the strength, attendance and expenditure on the different classes of Educational Institutions in the State during the past two years :—

Names of Schools.	1924-1925.			1925-1926.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1924-1925			EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-1926		
	Nos. of Institutions.	Nos. of pupils on 31st March 1925.	Average daily attendance.	Nos. of Institutions.	Nos. of pupils on 31st March 1926.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
I.—State Institutions—												
Middle Vernacular	13	798	499	13	814	499	Rs. 5,538	Rs. 1,564	Rs. 7,102	Rs. 6,103	Rs. 1,509	Rs. 7,612
TOTAL ...	13	798	499	13	814	499	5,538	1,564	7,102	6,103	1,509	7,612
II.—Grant-in-aid Schools—												
Higher Class English	4	841	639	4	848	659	13,849	18,978	32,827	13,419	19,153	32,572
Middle Class English	17	811	526	17	1001	611	4,624	6,785	11,359	4,911	7,099	12,010
Ditto Vernacular	17	869	561	16	838	561	3,030	1,847	4,877	2,882	1,870	4,752
TOTAL ...	38	2,521	1,726	37	2,686	1,831	21,503	27,560	49,063	21,212	28,122	49,334
III.—Primary Schools—												
Upper Primary ...	40	1,569	1,043	43	1,784	1,217	3,585	2,568	6,153	3,664	3,009	6,673
Lower Primary ...	152	4,912	3,414	149	5,001	3,383	7,212	7,764	14,976	6,996	7,493	14,490
Night Schools ...	7	123	80	6	86	65	276	36	312	243	...	243
Girls' Schools ...	4	54	39	3	41	24	153	73	226	129	.....	129
Muktabas ...	8	139	15	8	166	117	810	596	906	279	484	763
TOTAL ...	211	6,797	4,681	208	7,078	4,810	11,536	11,037	22,573	11,311	10,986	22,297
V.—Private Schools—												
Middle Class English	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	30	30	.....	280	280
Middle Vernacular	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Primary ...	.....	.....	.....	1	89	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	445	445
Lower Primary ...	61	1,564	1,365	57	1,553	1,234	.....	4,561	4,561	.....	3,560	3,560
Night Schools ...	9	137	96	7	105	71	.....	42	42	.....	60	60
Girls' Schools ...	2	32	21	2	27	21	.....	48	.....	.....	58	58
Muktabas ...	6	102	85	3	76	52	.....	420	420	.....	336	336
TOTAL ...	79	2,135	1,567	73	1,800	1,408	.....	5,101	5,101	.....	4,739	4,739
GRAND TOTAL ...	341	12,251	8,473	331	12,374	8,548	38,577	46,261	83,839	23,626	45,855	83,982

From the above table it will be seen that on the 31st March 1926, there were 331 schools of all classes with a strength and average daily attendance of 12,374 and 8,548, respectively, against 341 schools with 12,251 pupils and an

average daily attendance of 8,473 in the previous year. There was a decrease of 10 in the number of Institutions almost all belonging to the Primary class. There was, however, a gain of 123 in the number of pupils and of 73 in the average daily attendance. The total expenditure on these schools also rose slightly from Rs. 83,839 to Rs. 83,982 showing an increase of Rs. 143.

The figures for the Sunity Academy, Cooch Behar, with a roll call of 246 on the 31st March 1926, and an average daily attendance of 198 pupils have not been included in the above statement.

147. *Results of Public Examinations.*—The following table shows the results of all the schools under the department in the several examinations:—

Class of Examinations.	1924-1925.						1925-1926.					
	Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.				Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Matriculation ...	4	44	24	12	5	41	4	89	12	11	...	23
Middle English ...	15	34	6	6	4	16	17	33	10	8	10	28
Ditto for Females ...	...	1	...	...	1	1	.....	...	...	...	...	...
Middle Vernacular ...	30	59	5	18	4	27	36	77	3	31	10	44
Ditto for Females ...	1	1	...	1	...	1	2	4	4	...	...	4
Upper Primary ...	109	802	26	111	55	192	99	279	40	113	73	226
Ditto for Females ...	4	7	6	1	...	7	4	9	3	6	...	9
Lower Primary ...	250	734	329	231	...	570	238	697	234	246	...	580
Ditto for Females ...	6	18	15	3	...	18	8	21	17	3	...	20
Sanskrit Tole ...	1	1	...	...	1	1	1	2	...	...	1	1
Total ...	420	1201	421	385	70	876	399	1125	411	407	94	912

From the foregoing table it will be seen that 89 candidates sat for the Matriculation Examination in the year under report, and of them 23 came out successful, 12 being placed in the first division and 11 in the second.

In the competitive Examinations for Middle and Primary Scholarships, 28 passed the Middle English; 48 the Middle Vernacular; 235 the Upper Primary and 600 the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations against 19

Middle English; 28 Middle Vernacular; 199 Upper Primary and 588 Lower Primary successful candidates of the preceding year. The percentage of passes was 84 against 76·4 of the preceding year.

In the year under report 4 female candidates sat for the Middle Vernacular, 9 for the Upper Primary and 21 for the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total of 34 candidates, 38 passed, 24 in the first division and 9 in the second; against 27 candidates and 27 passes of the preceding year.

The Sanskrit Tole sent up only 2 candidates, of whom 1 passed and was recommended for the Temple Scholarship.

148. *The Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—The following table gives in a summary form the details of strength, attendance and expenditure of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools as they stood on the 31st of March 1926 : —

Class of Institutions.	No. of students.		No. of pupils studying.		EXPENDITURE.				
	Roll on the 31st March 1926.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.*			
						School fees.	Other sources.	Total.	Grand Total.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Mathabhanga H. E. ...	280	218	190	90	3,380	3,851	1,116	4,967	8,347
2. Mekligunj H. E. ...	178	123	158	20	3,379	3,078	1,499	4,577	7,957
3. Dinhata H. E. ...	234	197	212	22	3,323	4,430	917	5,347	8,719
4. Tufangunj H. E. ...	136	121	128	28	3,288	3,376	1,891	4,367	7,665
Total	848	659	688	160	13,419	13,730	5,423	19,153	32,572

The number of pupils on the rolls of the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools on the 31st March 1926, was 848 against 841 on the corresponding date of the previous year, showing an increase of 7 pupils.

The average daily attendance in these schools was 81·8 percent of the average enrolment as compared with 81·7 of the previous year. The number of English-reading pupils rose from 676 to 688. Of the total number of 848 pupils, 703 were Hindus, 139 Mahomedans, 3 Christians and 3 of other communities as compared with 678 Hindus, 152 Mahomedans, 4 Christians and 7 of other communities in the previous year. The number of pure Cooch Behari pupils in these schools was 366 or 43·1 percent against 45·3 percent of the previous year.

The total expenditure on these schools was Rs. 32,572, of which Rs. 13,419 were contributed by the State, while Rs. 13,730 and Rs. 5,423 were met from School fees and other local sources respectively. The corresponding figures in the previous year were Rs. 32,827, Rs. 13,849, Rs. 13,185 and Rs. 5,793. The total expenditure decreased by Rs. 255, mainly due to savings effected in the establishment cost of the Mathabhanga and the Dinhata High English Schools. The apparent decrease of Rs. 430 in the State's share of the expenditure was due to the inclusion of the State contribution of Rs. 511 in the preceding year for the extension of the Tufangunj Boarding, which was a non-recurring charge.

A scrutiny of the details of income and expenditure of these schools shows that only the Mekligunj and the Tufangunj Schools worked at a deficit to make up which the interest on the invested funds had to be drawn.

The financial position of the Sub-divisional High English Schools is sound notwithstanding adverse economic conditions affecting their local resources, as the invested funds to their credit stood at Rs. 61,308-18-9 on the 31st March 1926, and the Secretaries had also a cash balance of Rs. 8,162 at the end of the year.

149. *Teaching Staff.*—The Sanskrit Pandit of Makligunj School resigned his post which was filled up by the appointment of a new hand.

The 7th Assistant Teacher of the Tufangunj School resigned his appointment and an I. Sc. passed man was taken to fill up the vacancy. There were no officiating arrangements in the cases of the 1st and the 3rd Assistant teachers who were granted privilege leave for short terms.

The 4th Master and the Head Pandit of the Vernacular Department of the Dinhat High English School died during the year under report. A B. A. was taken in as 4th Master and temporary arrangements were made to carry on the work of the Head Pandit.

The Assistant Head-master of the Mathabhang High English School died after being on medical leave for over 3 months. A graduate outsider was appointed to act for him. The Persian Teacher of the School was absent on privilege leave for 2 months and 18 days and another Moulavi was appointed to act for him during his absence.

150. *Managing Committees.*—There were 5 sittings of the Committee at Mekligunj, 4 at Tufangunj, 4 at Dinhata and 5 at Mathabhanga.

151. *Examination Results.*—The following table shows the results of Sub-divisional High English Schools in the different public Examinations during the year under report :—

	MATRICULATION.	MIDDLE ENGLISH.	MIDDLE VERNACULAR.	UPPER PRIMARY.	LOWER PRIMARY
NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Nos. of candidates. Number passed 1st division. 2nd division 3rd division Total.	Nos. of candidates. Number passed 1st division. 2nd division 3rd division Total.	Nos. of candidates. Number passed 1st division. 2nd division 3rd division Total.	Nos. of candidates. Number passed 1st division. 2nd division 3rd division Total.	Nos. of candidates. Number passed 1st division. 2nd division Total.
Muthabhang H. E.	11 8 4 ... 7	... .. .	2	5 . 3 2	5 8 2 3 5
Corresponding figures for 1924-25.	12 7 3 1 11	... .. .	1 1 1 4	1 3 ... 4 7	6 1 7
Dinhata H. E.	11 7 1 ... 8	... .. .	1 3 2 1	. 3 1 1	1 ... 1
Corresponding figures for 1924-25.	15 6 6 3 15	... .. .	2 1 3 2	1 ... 3	... ..
Mekligunj H. E.	3 1 1 ... 2	... .. .	2 1 ... 1	... 1 1 1	1 ... 1
Corresponding figures for 1921-25.	12 7 3 1 11	... .. .	2 5 1 2	... 3 1 1	1 ... 1
Tufangunj H.E.	14 1 5 ... 6	... .. .	... .. .	... .. .	... .. .
Corresponding figures for 1924-25.	5 4 4	... .. .	... .. .	... .. .	... .. .

From the above table it will be seen that 39 candidates were sent up for the Matriculation Examination in 1926 from the four Sub-divisional High English Schools against 44 candidates of the year preceding. 23 of them came out successful, 12 passing in the 1st division and 11 in the second.

Twenty-four boys were sent up to the different Scholarship Examinations from the Vernacular Departments of these schools, of whom 16 passed, 6 in the first division, 8 in the second and 2 in the third. The percentage of passes was 66.6 against 80 of the previous year.

152. *Discipline.*—There was no case of breach of discipline.

153. *Prizes.*—I was present at the distribution of prizes for the Tufan-gunj and the Mathabhanga High English Schools. The sanctioned State grant of Rs. 333 for prizes of these schools was duly remitted to the Secretaries.

154. *Boarding Institutions.*—The number of Boarders in the Boarding Institutions attached to the Sub-divisional High English Schools was 108 on the 31st March 1926, against 105 of the previous year, showing an increase of 3 inmates. Of these, 81 were Hindus and 27 Mahomedans and 48 pure natives of the State.

During the year under report, the Rajgons who had been sent to the Dinhata Boarding on the abolition of the Raj Rajendra Narayan Boarding Institution, Cooch Behar, were removed from Dinhata for education elsewhere.

The general condition of these Institutions in respect of diet and sanitary arrangements as well as supervision and control continued to be satisfactory.

The provision of a pucca plinth in a part of the dormitory on the Hindu side of the Mekligunj Boarding and the construction of a small brick-nogging corrugated iron roofed house in the Mathabhanga Boarding were among the works done by the Public Works Department during the year under report in connection with the Boarding Institutions.

The State paid Rs. 1,899 towards the up-keep of these Institutions.

155. *Educational Conference.*—The Annual Educational Conference of the Head Masters of the High English Schools in the State was held on 22nd November 1925, under the Presidentship of the Principal, Victoria College, Cooch Behar. The following subjects were discussed:—

- (a) Selection of Text-books for High English Schools for the 1926 Session.
- (b) Revision of Admission and Transfer Rules for High English Schools.

The resolutions passed were submitted to me for consideration and orders in regard to them were duly communicated to all concerned.

156. *The Middle English Schools.*—The Middle English Schools seem to be most popular and the demand for them is growing. Two new English Classes attached to Vernacular Schools were opened with local support and one Middle Vernacular School was converted into Middle English School during the year under report.

The following table gives particulars of the Middle English Schools in the State as they existed on the 31st March 1926 :—

	Names of Schools.	N ^o s. OF STUDENTS.		PEPILS STUDYING LANGUAGE.		EXPENDITURE.		
		Roll on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.	Total.
1924-25.								
1	Gobrasarah ...	65	40	49	65	360	657	1,017
2	Kharkharia ...	73	43	64	73	336	385	721
3	Haldibari ...	77	45	63	77	614	927	1,541
4	Shoulmary ...	60	37	32	60	223	336	559
5	Maricha ...	81	56	38	81	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari...	87	24	12	87	188	77	260
7	Upanchouki ...	70	55	40	70	300	588	888
8	Bamanhat ...	58	40	44	58	336	534	870
9	Fulbari ...	50	33	25	50	180	240	420
10	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	95	.....	360	584	944
11	Gitaldah ...	.....	.....	28	.....	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani ...	53	25	34	53	288	527	815
13	Chaugrabandha ...	.....	.....	15	.....	120	62	182
14	Alakjhari ...	63	37	34	63	235	438	673
15	Per Mekligunj ...	70	50	28	70	144	206	350
16	Nishimoyee ...	54	42	15	54	235	420	655
17	Balarampur ...	.....	.....	20	.....	110	154	264
18	Choupathi un-aided ...	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	30	30
Total ...		811	526	671	811	4,624	6,765	11,389
1925-26.								
1	Gobrasarah ...	65	40	49	65	360	644	1,004
2	Kharkharia ...	76	43	47	76	336	415	751
3	Haldibari ...	88	53	74	88	480	880	1,360
4	Soulmari ...	62	34	30	62	341	360	701
5	Maricha ...	62	48	27	62	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari ...	61	27	25	61	180	468	648
7	Upanchouki...	69	51	33	69	338	552	885
8	Bamanhat ...	69	40	49	69	336	563	901
9	Fulbari ...	52	40	25	52	180	240	420
10	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	96	96	360	482	842
11	Gitaldah ...	.....	.....	29	29	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani ...	61	27	41	61	288	468	756
13	Alakjhari ...	51	32	30	51	273	424	697
14	Per Mekligunj ...	75	50	56	75	199	280	479
15	Nishimoyee...	85	40	20	85	240	393	623
16	Balarampur ...	.....	.....	21	21	130	132	262
17	Choupathi un-aided ..	125	86	40	125	275	208	481
18	Unishbisha ...	.....	.....	40	40	...	96	96
19	Pundibari ...	.....	.....	28	28	...	80	80
20	Khalishamari ...	.....	.....	12	12	...	104	104
Total ...		1001	611	772	1227	4,911	7,879	12,290

It will be seen from the above statement that the total number of Middle English Schools was 20, of which 17 were aided and 3 unaided, against 17 aided and 1 unaided of the previous year. The opening of two English Classes in connection with the Unishbisha Middle Vernacular and the Khalishamari Upper Primary Schools during the year under report accounts for the increase of two in the number of unaided institutions of this class.

On the 31st March 1926, there were 1001 pupils on the rolls of the regular Middle English Schools against 811 of the preceding year, showing an increase of 190 in the number of pupils. The average daily attendance of these schools also rose from 526 to 611. A closer scrutiny of the table will show that the number of pupils improved in 10 schools by 222, decreased in 3 by 32 and remained stationary in one, the net gain being thus 190. Of the total number of pupils, 650 were Hindus and 351 Mahomedans against 449 Hindus, 357 Mahomedans and 5 of other communities of the preceding year. There was thus a remarkable increase in the number of Hindu pupils. The percentage of attendance in these schools also showed considerable improvement, being 83.3 percent against 70.6 of the preceding year.

The number of English-reading boys in these schools was 772 on the 31st March 1926, against 671 of the preceding year, showing an increase of 101 pupils.

The expenditure incurred for the maintenance of these schools during the year under report amounted to Rs. 12,290, of which Rs. 4,911 was contributed by the State and Rs. 7,379 was raised from the various local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 11,389, Rs. 4,624, and Rs. 6,765. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 901, the State's share in the increase being Rs. 287 and the people's Rs. 614.

The following comparative table shows the results of these schools in the different Scholarship Examinations for the last 2 years :—

Class of Examination.	1924-25.					1925-26.				
	No. sent up.	No. passed.				No. sent up.	No. passed.			
		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Middle English ...	31	6	8	2	16	33	10	8	10	28
„ Vernacular ...	15	...	6	1	7	22	...	14	2	16
Upper Primary ...	57	10	22	9	41	50	12	20	11	43
Lower Primary ...	28	13	9	...	22	34	18	15	...	28
Total ...	131	29	45	12	86	139	35	57	23	115

From the above table it will be noticed that 139 candidates were sent up from the Middle English Schools for the different Scholarship Examinations, 33 for the Middle English, 22 for the Middle Vernacular, 50 for the Upper Primary, and 34 for the Lower Primary. Of these, 115 came out successful, 35 in the first division, 57 in the second and 23 in the third. The percentage of success rose from 66.1 to 82.7 in the year under review.

157. *State Model Vernacular Schools.*—A proposal was submitted during the year under report for removing the Sudder Model School from its present site and accommodating it elsewhere. The Regency Council have, on account of the cost involved, decided that the matter may be held in abeyance for the present.

To impart sound English Education, a scheme was submitted for the conversion of the Sudder Model Vernacular School into a regular State Model

Middle English School by amalgamation of its English Department with the Vernacular Department. The matter is under the consideration of the Regency Council.

The following table summarises the condition of the State Model Vernacular Schools as they existed on the 31st March 1926:—

Nos.	NAME OF SCHOOLS.	Nos. OF STUDENTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
		Nos. of pupils on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average number on the roll.	State grant.	School fees and fines.	Total.
	1921-1925.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sudder Model...	138	130	175	1,247	614	1,861
2	Balarampur ...	70	25	45	381	85	466
3	Baneswar ...	71	44	51	299	74	373
4	Natabari ...	50	35	45	371	91	461
5	Chilakhana ...	72	32	51	342	95	437
6	Dewanhat ...	61	28	41	405	75	480
7	Gitaldah ...	68	44	59	326	111	437
8	Changrabanda ...	42	26	35	376	85	461
9	Pundibari ...	51	24	36	309	65	434
10	Kheti ...	60	28	33	313	62	405
11	Kesaribari ...	32	19	29	200	53	413
12	Shitalkuchi ...	60	25	38	372	63	435
13	Dewangunj ...	43	34	39	347	92	339
	Total ...	798	499	677	5,538	1,564	7,102
	1925-1926.						
1	Sudder Model...	178	102	140	1,547	495	2,042
2	Balarampur ...	80	27	53	381	103	484
3	Baneswar ...	50	40	50	350	74	424
4	Natabari ...	59	23	45	387	91	478
5	Chilakhana ...	75	32	68	345	115	460
6	Dewanhat ...	63	43	60	406	92	508
7	Gitaldah ...	60	49	61	341	117	458
8	Changrabanda ...	46	24	32	418	69	487
9	Pundibari ...	61	32	40	323	72	460
10	Kheti ...	64	30	41	380	60	440
11	Kesaribari ...	33	19	30	411	53	454
12	Shitalkuchi ...	51	29	48	303	74	457
13	Dewangunj ...	52	36	42	366	94	460
	Total ...	844	499	713	6,103	1,509	7,612

It will be seen from the above that the number of Model Vernacular Schools in the State remained unchanged at 13. There were 814 boys on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March 1926, against 798 on the corresponding date of the preceding year, showing an increase of 16 boys. The average daily attendance remained stationary at 499, while the percentage of attendance in them was 70.0 against 73.7.

Of the total number of pupils in the Model Schools, 525 were Hindus and 289 Mahomedans, against 557 Hindus, 233 Mahomedans and 8 of other communities of the preceding year. It will be seen that the number of Hindu pupils decreased by 32, while that of the Mahomedans rose by 56.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of these 13 Model Schools amounted to Rs. 7,612, towards which the State contributed Rs. 6,103 and Rs. 1,509 were met from fee collections. The corresponding figures for the previous year were Rs. 7,102, Rs. 5,538 and Rs. 1,564, respectively. Thus the total expenditure increased by Rs. 510 and the State's share by Rs. 565 owing to sanctioned periodical increments to the pay of Head Pandits and grain compensation allowance to poorly paid teachers.

The Model Schools sent up 23 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 46 to the Upper Primary and 27 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total

of 96 candidates, 5 were absent and 76 passed, 35 in the first division, 33 in the second and 8 in the third, against 89 candidates and 69 passes of the preceding year. The percentage of passes was 83.5 against 83.1 of the previous year.

158. *Middle Vernacular Schools*.—The number of aided Middle Vernacular Schools in the State on the 31st March 1926, was 16 against 17 of the preceding year. The changing of the Chaupathi Middle Vernacular School into a regular Middle English School accounts for the loss of one institution of this class.

The number of pupils on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March 1926, was 833 against 861 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 28 pupils. The average daily attendance remained stationary at 561, the percentage of attendance being 76.7.

The expenditure on this class of schools amounted, during the year, to Rs. 4,752, of which the State paid Rs. 2,882 and the people Rs. 1,870. The corresponding figures for the previous year were Rs. 4,877, Rs. 3,030 and Rs. 1,847, respectively. With the decrease of 1 in the number of Institutions, the total expenditure decreased by Rs. 125.

These schools sent up 14 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 30 to the Upper Primary and 56 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total of 100 candidates, 2 were absent and 93 came out successful, 41 being placed in the first division, 44 in the second and 10 in the third. The percentage of success was 96.9 against 71.6 of the previous year.

159. *Special Schools*.—The number of special schools continued to be 3 as in the preceding year. There were 118 pupils on the rolls of these 3 schools on the 31st March 1926, against 111 of the year before, showing an increase of 7 pupils. Of these, 25 were Hindus and 93 Mahomedans. The average daily attendance of these schools improved last year from 75 to 92.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 733, of which Rs. 409, was met from the State and Rs. 324 from local sources against the corresponding figures of Rs. 702, 420 and Rs. 282 in the preceding year.

160. *The Sudder Nagri School*.—The Sudder Nagri School had on the roll 39 pupils, of whom 30 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were 37 and 22.

The school sent up 3 candidates to the Lower Primary Examination who were examined in the Text-books prescribed for the same examination in the Patna Division. All of them passed in the 1st Division.

161. *The Sudder Madrasa*.—The number of pupils on the rolls of the Sudder Madrasa on the 31st March 1926, was 33 against 31 of the preceding year. The School gained 2 in strength but its average daily attendance remained unchanged at 25.

The expenditure on this school amounted to Rs. 264 towards which the State contributed Rs. 144 and the people Rs. 120. The same expenditure was incurred in the preceding year.

As in previous years, the Persian Teacher of the Jenkins School examined the boys of this school at the time of the Lower Primary Examination. The results were not satisfactory and the Maulavi has been warned to give better tuition.

162. *Anjumani Islamia Institution*.—This school had on its rolls on the 31st March 1926, 40 pupils, of whom 37 attended daily on an average against 43 and 28, respectively, of the year before. The school lost 3 in number and gained 9 in attendance.

Two boys were sent up for the last Upper Primary Examination and 3 for the Lower Primary. All of them came out successful, 3 in the 2nd division and 2 in the third.

163. *Mahomedan Education.*—The total number of Institutions for the special education of Mahomedan boys in the State on the 31st March 1926, including the Sudder Madrasa and the Anjumani Islamia which have been returned with Middle Vernacular schools, was 18 against 16 of the preceding year. Of these, 10 were aided and 3 unaided. The number of aided schools remained unaltered, while that of the unaided ones decreased by 3 as funds were not available for their support.

These schools had, on the 31st March 1926, 321 pupils on their rolls, of whom 231 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the previous year were 312 and 243, respectively. Thus there was an increase of 9 in strength and a decrease of 12 in attendance.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 1,570, of which Rs. 544 was provided by the State and Rs. 1,026 from the local sources. The corresponding figures in the previous year were Rs. 1,806, Rs. 586 and Rs. 1,220, respectively. With the decrease in the number of institutions there was a decrease of Rs. 236 in the total expenditure.

Over and above these sectarian Schools for Mahomedan boys all other educational institutions were attended on a fairly large scale by Mahomedan pupils. The total number of pupils returned for all educational institutions under this Department was 11,413 on the 31st of March 1926. Of these, 3477 were Mahomedans.

164. *Primary Schools.*—The following table gives the particulars of the Primary Schools in the State as they existed on the 31st March 1926:—

Class of School.	STUDENTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	No. of Institution.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1926.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
AIDED 1925-26.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Upper Primary Schools ...	43	1784	1217	3,164	3,009	6,673
Lower Primary Schools ...	145	501	3383	6,996	7,493	14,489
Night Schools ...	6	56	65	243	.....	243
Girls' Schools ...	3	41	28	129	.....	129
Total ...	200	6912	4633	11,032	10,502	21,534
Corresponding figures for 1924-25.	23	6658	4576	11,226	10,441	21,667
UN-AIDED 1925-26.						
Upper Primary Schools ...	1	39	30	.....	445	445
Lower Primary Schools ...	57	1153	1284	.....	3,580	3,580
Night Schools ...	7	105	71	.....	60	61
Girls' Schools ...	2	27	21	.....	58	58
Total ...	67	1724	1366	.....	4,123	4,123
Corresponding figures for 1924-25.	72	2033	1482	.....	4,611	4,651
Grand total 1925-26 ...	267	8636	6049	11,032	14,625	25,657
Corresponding figures for 1924-25.	275	8691	6058	11,226	15,092	26,318

165. *Upper Primary Schools.*—The number of Upper Primary Schools in the State on the 31st March 1926, was 44, of which 43 were aided and 1 unaided, against 40 aided on the same date of the previous year. A new Upper Primary School was started during the year under report. By redistribution of grants 6 good Lower Primary Schools were given Upper Primary grants, while 3 Upper Primary Schools were reduced to the Lower Primary status for unsatisfactory work, the result being an increase of 3 in the number of aided institutions.

The number on the rolls in these 44 Upper Primary Schools on the 31st March, 1926, was 1823 against 1569 in the 40 Upper Primary Schools on the corresponding date of the preceding year. The average daily attendance in these schools was 1247 against 1043 of the previous year. With the increase of 4 in the number of Institutions the strength increased by 254 and attendance by 204. The average strength of each school was 41.4 against 39.2 of the previous year.

The expenditure on these schools during the year under report amounted to Rs. 7,118, of which the State paid Rs. 3,664 and the people Rs. 3,454 as compared with Rs. 6,153, Rs. 3,585 and Rs. 2,568, respectively, of the preceding year. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 965, the State's share in the increase being Rs. 79, while that of the people was Rs. 886.

The Upper Primary Schools sent up 13 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 79 to the Upper Primary and 144 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total number of 236 candidates, 11 were absent and 189 came out successful, 91 being placed in the first division, 76 in the second and 22 in the third. The percentage of passes was 84.0 against 73.8 of the preceding year.

166. *Lower Primary Schools.*—The number of Lower Primary Schools in the State on the 31st March 1926, was 205, of which 148 were aided and 57 unaided against 213, 152, and 61, respectively, of the previous year. There was thus a decrease of 8 in the number of Lower Primary schools, of which 4 were aided and 4 unaided. The loss in the aided schools was due to redistribution of grants every half year.

These 205 Lower Primary Schools had on their rolls on the 31st March 1926, 6554 pupils, of whom 4617 attended daily on an average, against 6776 and 4779, respectively, for 213 such schools for the previous year. With the decrease of 8 in the number of Institutions the strength decreased by 222 and the attendance by 162. The average strength of a Lower Primary School was 31.9 against 31.8 of the preceding year.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 18,049 towards which the State paid Rs. 6,996 and the people Rs. 11,053 against Rs. 19,537, Rs. 7,212 and Rs. 12,325, respectively, of the previous year. The total expenditure decreased by Rs. 1,488 which was mainly due to a decrease in the number of institutions.

The following comparative table shows the results of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination during the last 2 years :—

No.	Centre of Examination.	1924-1925.						1925-1926.					
		Nos. of schools.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.				Nos. of school.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.			
				1st divi- sion.	2nd divi- sion.	Total.	Absentees.			1st divi- sion.	2nd divi- sion.	Total.	Absentees.
1	Suddler ...	70	230	138	58	196	12	68	225	128	63	191	6
2	Dinhata ...	69	180	50	67	117	12	62	16	43	80	123	3
3	Mathabhangra ...	56	174	59	75	134	11	46	145	43	71	117	6
4	Mekliguni ...	47	111	81	14	95	13	38	110	77	26	103	2
5	Tufangunj ...	23	57	26	21	46	3	24	69	57	9	66	1
	Total ...	256	752	354	234	588	60	236	718	351	219	600	18

The total number of candidates enrolled for the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination from 236 schools of different classes was 718 against 752 candidates from 256 schools of the previous year. Excluding 18 absentees,

400 of those that were actually examined, came out successful, 851 in the first division and 249 in the second. The percentage of passes was 85.7 against 83.7 of the previous year.

A sum of Rs. 510 was, as in previous years, distributed at different Centres by the Superintendents of Examinations to the Gurus and their successful candidates.

167. *Night Schools*.—The number of Night Schools in the State on the 31st March 1926, was 13, 6 being aided and 7 unaided, against 16 such institutions, 7 aided and 9 unaided in the preceding year. There was thus a decrease of one in the number of aided Night Schools and 2 in that of the unaided ones.

The Night Schools had on their rolls on the 31st March 1926, 191 pupils of whom 136 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures in the preceding year were 260 and 176. With the decrease of 3 in the number of Institutions, the strength decreased by 69 and the attendance by 40.

The total expenditure for the upkeep of these Schools was Rs. 303, of which Rs. 243 were paid by the State and Rs. 60 by the people, as compared with Rs. 354, Rs. 276 and Rs. 78, respectively, of the preceding year. The expenditure decreased by Rs. 51 as the number of aided Institutions decreased by 1.

These Night Schools sent up in the year under report 14 candidates to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination, of whom 12 passed, 11 in the first division and 1 in the second. In the previous year 19 were sent up and 17 passed, 14 in the first division and 3 in the second.

Of the year's Lower Primary Scholarships, 2 have been recommended for successful candidates of the Night Schools.

168. *Girls' Schools*.—The year 1925-26 closed with 3 aided and 2 unaided Lower Primary Girls' Schools against 4 aided and 2 unaided Schools of this class in the previous year. The total number of schools for the exclusive education of girls, including the Sub-divisional Girls' Schools which have been returned as Middle Vernacular Schools, was 9 and the total number of girls attending the several classes of institutions under the Department was 439 against 408 of the previous year showing an increase of 31 girls.

The 5 Lower Primary Girls' Schools had 62 girls on their rolls on the 31st March 1926, of whom 49 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures in the previous year for 6 girls' schools were 86 and 60. With the decrease of one in the number of aided Institutions, the number of pupils decreased by 18 and the attendance by 11.

The expenditure on these Lower Primary Girls' Schools amounted to Rs. 187, of which the State paid Rs. 129 and the balance of Rs. 58 was met from the local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 274, Rs. 153 and Rs. 121. The total expenditure decreased by Rs. 87 which was mainly due to the disappearance of one aided school of this class.

The number of girls sent up to the various scholarship examinations was 34 against 27 of the preceding year. Of these, 4 appeared at the Middle Vernacular, 9 in the Upper Primary and 21 in the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination. Of the total of 34 candidates, 24 passed in the first division and 9 in the second. In the preceding year 27 girls were sent up, of whom 21 passed in the first division, 5 in the second and 1 in the third.

Of the year's Upper Primary Scholarships 3 were won by girls in general competition with the boys, 4 of the Lower Primary Scholarships are being recommended for girls in general competition with the boys.

The first three places in the Middle Vernacular Examination were occupied by girls. A girl occupied the first place in the list of successful Lower Primary candidates at the Mekligunj Centre.

169. *Teachers' Provident Fund.*—On the 31st March 1926, the number of Teachers paying contributions to the Provident Fund was 58 against the same number in the previous year. The number of teachers who completed payment of their fifteen years' full deposits was 16 against the same number of the previous year. The amount at the credit of the Fund was Rs. 47,858-12-6 against Rs. 46,499-4-2 of the year preceding. Of this amount Rs. 10,112-7-1 were deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, Rs. 12,850 invested in Government Promissory Notes, Rs. 7,500 in Post Office Cash Certificates, Rs. 15,223-5-4 in 6 percent Government Bonds and Rs. 2,173-0-1 in the Cooch Behar State guaranteed Bank. The State continued to pay its annual contribution of Rs. 500 to the Fund.

170. *Expenditure.*—The following table furnishes the details of expenditure incurred by the State under various heads during the year 1925-26:—

Head of Expenditure.	Pay actually drawn.	Travelling allowance.	Peon and contingencies.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Inspector of Schools ...	2,118	693	.....	2,811
Deputy Inspector of Schools	937	407	131	1,475
3 Sub-Inspectors of Schools	1,947	588	262	2,797
Office Establishment ...	870	33	642	1,545
Total ...	5,872	1,721	1,035	8,628
Prizes and Rewards ...	...	...	...	943
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	1,326
Scholarships ...	...	...	...	1,340
Charges incurred by the State for the maintenance of Schools	...	...	...	38,626
		Grand Total	...	50,863
Repairs to State Model and Mofussil Schools	...	...	...	265
Purchase of Maps and Globes	...	...	...	150
Do. of furniture	...	...	...	100
Do. of Books on Teaching	...	...	...	50
Wool for the Sub-divisional Girls' Schools	...	...	...	16
Sinking well in the Dewangunj, Changrabandha Model and the Kharkharia Middle English Schools.	...	...	...	75
Contribution towards the repairs to the Gadaikhora Middle Vernacular School.	...	...	...	20
Do. for purchase of furniture for the Upanchouki Middle English School.	...	...	...	150
Teachers' Provident Fund ...	...	...	...	500
		Total	...	1,326

The aggregate expenditure on Primary and Secondary Schools in the State amounted, during the year under report, to Rs. 83,982, of which the State contributed Rs. 38,626 and Rs. 45,356 was defrayed from the local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 83,839, Rs. 38,577, and Rs. 45,262. There was thus an increase of Rs. 143 in the total expenditure, of which the State's share was Rs. 49 and that of the people Rs. 94.

The charges under "Inspection and Control" were Rs. 8,628 against Rs. 7,969 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 659 which was mainly due to the sanctioned periodical increments to the pay of the Inspecting Staff.

The miscellaneous charges, including Scholarships and Rewards, amounted on the 31st March 1926, to Rs. 3,609 against Rs. 3,668 of the year preceding, showing a slight decrease of Rs. 59.

A summary of all the sub-heads will show that the total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education during the year

under report came to Rs. 50,863 which, together with Rs. 1,509 remitted to the Treasury as fee collection from the State Model Schools, brings the total to Rs. 52,372 against Rs. 51,778 of the previous year.

The budget grant for the year under report was Rs. 52,616 and an additional sum of Rs. 300 was sanctioned from the Reserve Fund of the Education Budget and the contingent allotment of my Office for the purchase of Maps, Books &c. Hence the total amount placed at the disposal of the Department came to Rs. 52,916. Deducting from this the total expenditure of Rs. 52,372 it will be found that a sum of Rs. 544 was left as savings in the Budget allotment for the year 1925-26.

171. *Inspection.*—I inspected 14 schools in the Mofussil during my last cold weather tour and recorded my remarks in the Visitors' Book of each School. Of the schools inspected, 2 were High English, 2 Girls', 1 Middle English, 1 Model Vernacular, 5 Upper Primary and 3 Lower Primary Schools I was generally satisfied with the working of these institutions.

As in the preceding years the inspecting officers of the Department distributed quinine tabloids, free of charge, among Mofussil school teachers and people in the remote parts of the State. The inspection done by the different officers during the year under report was as follows :—

Names of officers.	Designations.	Circles.	No. of schools under inspection.	No. of visits paid.	No. of miles travelled.	Travelling allowance drawn.
						Rs. A. P.
Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen ...	Inspector of Schools from 1st April, 1925 to 5th January, 1926.			18	980	216 12 0
Srijut Juanada Charan Ghosh ...	Offg. Inspector of Schools from 16th September, 1925, to 5th January, 1926, and Inspector of Schools, 6th January, to 31st March 1926.	Cooch Behar	331	115	1,955	475 12 0
„ Juanada Charan Ghose ...	Deputy Inspector of Schools, from 1st April, 1925 to 15th September 1925.			71	1,259	196 6 0
Moulavi Mahomed Akbar Ali ...	Offg. Deputy Inspector of Schools from 14th October, 1925 to 31st March 1926.	Mekligunj	64	106	851	210 1 6
„ Mahomed Akbar Ali ...	Sub-Inspector of Schools, Mathabhanga, from 1st April 1925, to 18th October 1925.			153	851	123 8 0
Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Sub-Inspector of Schools, Mathabhanga, from 14th October 1925, to 31st March 1926.	Mathabhanga	100	107	720	112 5 0
„ Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Sub-Inspector of Schools, Tufangunj, from 1st April, 1925 to 13th October 1925.			107	969	111 1 0
Moulavi Sheikh Doyal Mohamed	Sub-Inspector of Schools, Tufangunj, from 14th October 1925, to 31st March 1926.	Tufangunj	82	105	616	98 3 0
„ „ Doyal Mohamed	Sub-Inspector of Schools, Suddar and Dighata from 1st April to 13th October 1925.			115	795	73 13 0
Srijut Priya Bhushan Sen ...	Offg. Sub Inspector of Schools, Suddar and Dighata, from 14th October, 1925 to 31st March 1926.	Suddar and Dighata.	85	75	700	72 7 0

It will be seen from the above that Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen, B. A., late Inspector of Schools, paid 18 visits to schools in the State and travelled over 980 miles.

Srijut Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B. A., as Deputy Inspector of Schools and Inspector of Schools, paid 186 visits to schools in the State and travelled over 3214 miles. He visited almost all the parts of the State and inspected most of the important aided and unaided schools.

Maulvi Mohammad Akbar Ali, B. A., as Sub-Inspector of Schools, Mathabhanga, and as officiating Deputy Inspector of Schools, Mekligunj, paid 259 visits to schools and travelled over 1705 miles.

Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal, B. Sc., paid 214 visits and travelled over 1698 miles.

Moulvi Sheikh Dayal Mahammad, B. A., paid 220 visits and travelled over 1411 miles.

Srijut Priya Bhushan Sen, B. A., officiated as Sub-Inspector of Schools, Sudder and Dinhata, from the 14th October, 1925 to 31st March, 1926. He paid 75 visits and travelled over 700 miles.

II.—VICTORIA COLLEGE.

172. *Charge.*—Srijut Manoratha Dhan Dey, M. A., Principal, held the charge of this Institution as well as of the Jenkins School and the Boarding Institutions throughout the year.

173. *Number on the roll.*—The average monthly number on the roll was 345 against 367 in the preceding year, showing a decrease of 22 or 5.9 per cent. The number on the 31st March 1926 was 348 against 355 on the corresponding date in 1925 showing a decrease of 7 or 1.9 per cent. The highest number of students on the rolls, which was reached in September 1925, was 378 against 386 in September 1924, and was distributed as follows :—

1st year class	...	...	129
2nd "	..	...	126
3rd "	{ B. A.	...	24
	{ B. Sc.	...	27
4th "	{ B. A.	...	39
	{ B. Sc.	...	33
Total	...	...	378

174. *Free students.*—Of the 348 students on the 31st March 1926, 24 or 6.8 per cent were free students, against 25 out of 355 or 7.04 per cent in the preceding year. The free students were classed as follows :—

Natives	...	...	19
Other Free-students	...	...	5
			24*

*This number includes the boarders of the Rajgon Boarding Institution and Recognised Hajgons, who are, as a rule, entitled to free-studentships in the College.

175. *Ave age daily attendance.*—The average daily attendance was 243 as against 245 in the preceding year (or excluding the three months of January, February and March, during which the 4th and 2nd year classes do not sit, 290.6 as against 308).

The percentage of attendance was 84.2 as against 83.9 of the previous year.

176. *Admissions.*—Two hundred and thirty-one students were admitted during the year under report against 237 and 226 in the two previous years viz.,—1924-25 and 1923-24.

177. *University Examinations.*—The following statement gives the number of students sent up for the various University Examinations 1925 and those that came out successful :—

				Examinations.			
				I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number sent up	65	59	44*	13
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*Including 3 Honours candidates in English and one in Philosophy.							
				Examinations.			
				I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number passed	First division	...	...	7	19	30*	5†
	Second, "	...	...	13	19		
	Third, "	...	...	5	6		
One subject only	...	...	...	3			
Total				28	44	30	5

* Two with 2nd Class Honours in English, and one in Philosophy and 2 with distinction.

† One with distinction.

The subjoined table shows the number of students sent up for the I. A., I. Sc. and B. A., B. Sc. Examinations this year (1926) and the number passed :—

				Examinations.			
				I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number sent up	...	...	...	42	62	39	24
Number passed	First division	...	...	6	15	19*	11†
	Second, "	...	...	10	15		
	Third, "	...	...	5	8		

* Two with distinction and rest in Pass Course.

† One with distinction.

178. *Residence of students.*—The following Hostels and unattached messes were licensed by the University for the residence of the College students during the year under review :—

- (1) The College Hindu Hostel.
- (2) The Moslem Hostel.
- (3) The Santi Kufir Mess.
- (4) The Victor Lodge.

179. *Leave and Appointments.*—Srijut Banka Behari Dey, M. sc., the Assistant Professor of Physics, resigned his post with effect from the 4th August 1925.

Srijut Dhiranjay Bhattacharjee, M. sc., (Benares University) was appointed in his place as Assistant Professor of Physics and joined on the afternoon of the 3rd August 1925.

Srijut Dhirendra Mohan Mukerjee, M. sc., the Assistant Professor of Chemistry, resigned his post with effect from the 14th August, 1925. Srijut Nalin Chandra Chatterjee, M. sc., was appointed in his place as Assistant Professor of Chemistry and joined with effect from the 27th August 1925.

✓ The services of Srijut Tikendrajit Dutta, B. sc., Demonstrator of Physics, have been admitted into the new grade for Lecturers and Demonstrators on Rs. 60-2-90 with effect from the 1st September, 1925 under the orders conveyed in the Regency Council letter No. $\frac{2102}{3-47}$, dated the 20th February 1926.

Srijut Jitendra Nath Chatterjee, M. A., Professor of Philosophy, was granted privilege leave for 18 days with effect from the 4th January 1926.

Srijut Birendra Lal Bhattacharjee, M. A., Professor of Philosophy, was absent on leave from the 5th to the 28th of February, 1926.

Srijut Jitendra Nath Das Gupta, B. sc., the Demonstrator of Chemistry, was on privilege leave for 9 days from the 4th to the 12th January 1926. He was again absent on leave for 12 days with effect from the 19th March, 1926, for which period he was granted privilege leave as a special case.

Srijut Purna Chandra Neogi, the Head Clerk and Accountant, was transferred to the Police Office with effect from the 21st January, 1926 and Srijut Durga Charan Sarkar, the Head Clerk and Accountant of the Jenkins School, was appointed as the Head Clerk and Accountant of the Victoria College, on probation for one year, with effect from the date on which Srijut Purna Chandra was transferred to the Police Office.

180. *Physical Training*.—The College Students played Cricket, Football, Tennis, Hockey as in previous years. Sports were, as usual, organised and prizes awarded on the occasion of the Founder's Day Celebration which was presided over by Your Highness. The prizes were given away by His Highness, the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur.

181. *Discipline*.—Was on the whole satisfactory.

All the members of the College Staff did their work satisfactorily in the year under report.

182. *B. Sc. Fund*.—The Receipts and Expenditure of the Fund amounted to Rs. 15,536-15-0 (including the last year's Treasury Balance of Rs. 8,245-15-0) and Rs. 4,697-2-1, respectively, leaving a cash balance of Rs. 10,839-12-11 on the 31st March 1926.

183. The following statement shows in a tabular form the Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1925-26 :—

				1925-26.		
				Rs.	A.	P.
1.	Establishment	36,064	0	9*
2.	Contingencies	4,271	7	2
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				Total	40,335	7 11
3.	Receipts from fees and fines	15,230	2	0
4.	State grant	22,483	10	10
5.	Cost of educating each student	...	...	116	14	7
6.	State share of the cost	...	...	65	2	1

* This amount includes the salaries amounting to Rs. 2,624-11-1 of the two assistant Professors and Laboratory Bearers appointed in connection with the B. Sc. Teaching in the College as the figures were incorporated in the State Budget but afterwards paid back to the State out of the B. Sc. Fund.

It will be seen from the above statement that the State share of the cost per head was Rs. 65-2-1 as against Rs. 53-10-5 of the preceding year, showing an increase of Rs. 11-7-8 per capita, which may be explained as being partly due to an increase in the salaries of the teaching staff as the result of the introduction of the revised scale and partly to a slight falling off in the number of students on the rolls.

184. *Buildings*.—The new brick-walled, Corrugated Iron roofed building with two rooms, one for the Principal and the other for the Office was completed and occupied in February 1926. The Central Hall has thus been wholly vacated to accommodate the Library and the Reading Room and the small room to its west has been fitted up to be used as a private study room for the teaching staff.

III.—JENKINS SCHOOL.

185. *Srijut Manindra Nath Roy, M. A.*, Head Master, held the direct charge of the School throughout the year.

186. *Numerical Strength*.—On the 31st March 1926, there were 553 pupils on the rolls of the School against 572 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 19 pupils.

Of the total number, 508 were Hindus, 44 Mahomedans and 1 Christian against 527, 43 and 2, respectively, in the previous year.

187. *Local pupils*.—The total number of local pupils was 519 against 525 of the preceding year. Thus there was a decrease of 6 local pupils. Of the total number, 479 were Hindus, 39 Mahomedans and 1 Christian.

188. *Foreigners*.—The total number of foreign pupils was 34 against 47 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 13 pupils. Of the total number, 29 were Hindus and 5 Mahomedans.

189. *Cooch Behari pupils*.—The total number of Cooch Behari pupils was 133 against 147 of the previous year. Thus, there was a decrease of 14 Cooch Behari pupils. Of the total number, 96 were Hindus and 37 Mahomedans.

190. *Attendance*.—As regards attendance of pupils in the School, the average number on the rolls was 515·83, average attendance 447·00 and percentage of attendance 86·65. These figures were 497·41, 436·88, and 87·83, respectively, in the previous year.

191. *Annual class examination*.—In the year under report 506 boys appeared at the annual class examination. Of these, 219 passed in all subjects and 365 were promoted. The percentage of pass was 43·25 and that of promotion 72·13. These figures were 456, 253, 367, 55·48, and 80·48, respectively, in the preceding year.

192. *University Examinations*.—In the year under report there were 36 boys in the first class, and all were sent up for the Matriculation Examination, 28 were Hindus and 8 Mahomedans, and 6 of them were natives of the State, 2 being Hindus and 4 Mahomedans. Out of 36 sent up, 20 came out successful, 14 being placed in the first division and 6 in the second.

193. *Free Studentships*.—In the year under report there were 51 free pupils of all classes against 43 of the preceding year. The free pupils were grouped as follows :—

Rajgons	...	...	...	...	5
Rajgon Boarders	...	...	...	...	10
Scholars	...	...	...	...	8
Ex-Scholars	...	...	...	...	2
Other free pupils	...	...	...	...	25
Special free pupil	...	...	...	...	1
Total					51

These figures were 4, 11, 5, 3, 20 and 1, respectively, in the previous year.

194. *Finance*.—The Income and Expenditure of the year under report as compared with that of the preceding year are given below :—

	1924-25.			1925-26.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
(a) Income	10,296	9	0	10,868	9	6
(b) Expenditure	21,130	10	8	22,998	13	3
(c) State share of the cost	10,834	1	8	12,130	3	9
(d) Total cost per boy	42	7	8	44	9	4
(e) State share of the cost per head.	21	12	5	23	8	3

The increase in expenditure was due to the sanctioned periodical increments of pay of the teachers; and the increase in income was due to the re-opening of the two sections in the lowest class that were kept in abeyance.

195. *Discipline.*—The conduct of the boys was on the whole satisfactory.

196. *Sports and Games.*—During the year under report, Drill and Physical Exercises as part of the routine work were given their usual place of importance in the Primary Department, but games could not be made compulsory in all classes for want of an adequate number of play-grounds.

The Annual Sports were held and Prizes were given away on the Founder's Day, the 6th March 1926. There were 34 prize winners, and 37 prizes.

The total expenditure on this head was Rs. 1,308-9-6 against Rs. 1,512-14-11 of the preceding year. The decrease in expenditure was due to the fact that no match was played away from home during the year under report.

197. *Staff.*—During the year under report there was no substantial change in the teaching staff. The newly sanctioned post of the Gymnastic Master was not filled up.

IV.—BOARDING INSTITUTIONS.

A.—General.

198. *Staff.*—There was no change in its personnel.

199. *Health and Sanitation.*—On the whole satisfactory. One Rajgon boarder was suspected to have been attacked with Kala-azar and consequently allowed to go home for treatment.

200. *Diet.*—The quality of diet was on the whole good.

201. *Attendance.*—Attendance of the boarders was regular. Strict measures were taken to ensure regularity in attendance.

202. *Physical Culture.*—Boarders were encouraged to take in-door and out-door exercise. Many of them took part in the College games and sports.

B.—Collegiate Hindu Hostel.

203. It received a monthly subsidy of Rs. 30 from the State. The monthly fee for boarders was fixed at Rs. 10.

204. The average monthly number on the roll was 65.5 as against 63 of the previous year and 59.91 of the year before last.

205. Results of the University Examinations of 1926:—

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	REMARKS.
B. A.	2	1	
B. Sc.	11	5	
I. A.	3	1	in 2nd Division.
I. Sc.	13	8	1 in 1st Division, 7 in 2nd Division.

206. The total receipts including the cash balance of Rs. 3,004-10-2 of the previous year and expenditure were Rs. 10,804-7-9 and Rs. 7,400-7-7, respectively, leaving a closing cash balance of Rs. 3,404-0-2.

C.—Rajgon Boarding Institution.

207. The monthly stipend including tiffin was Rs. 13.

208. The average monthly number on the roll was 17.6 as against 18.41 of the previous year and 19.83 of the year before that. The number of new admissions was 5. There were 10 boys reading in the Jenkins School and 8 boys in the College in March 1926, of whom 12 were Rajgons and 6 Natives (non-Rajgons.)

209. The tuition classes were regularly held and attendance was satisfactory.

210. The results of the University Examinations and Annual Examinations 1926 :—

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	1	...	
I. A.	1	1	in the 2nd Division.
I. Sc.	1	...	
Matriculation	2	1	1 in the 2nd Division.
Annual Examination of 1925	10	8	2 were allowed to sit for Matriculation Examination. 6 were promoted to next higher classes.

211. The total receipts and expenditure of the year amounted to Rs. 5,128 and Rs. 4,373-12-6, respectively, showing savings of Rs. 754-3-6.

D.—Moslem Boarding Institution.

212. The number of students on the rolls on the 31st March 1926 was 15 in both the school and college sections.

213. The average monthly number on the roll in both the school and college sections was 11.83.

214. The discipline of the Institution was on the whole satisfactory.

215. The health of the boarders was generally good.

216. The sanitation of the Institution was satisfactory.

217. The results of the University Examinations, 1926 :—

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	2	1	
I. A.	2	1	in 3rd Division.
I. Sc.	1	...	
Matriculation.	1	1	in 1st Division.

218. The total Receipts and Expenditure during the year under report were Rs. 2,116-2-9 and Rs. 2,042-7-6, respectively, leaving a cash balance of Rs. 73-11-3. A sum of Rs. 350 was drawn from the Treasury as State Subsidy and the balance of Rs. 1,766-2-9 was realised from the boarders.

VII.—MEDICAL.

219. *Charge.*—Dr. Dineshananda Chakravarti, L. M. S., Civil Surgeon, was in-charge of the Department during the year under report.

220. *General Health.*—The health of the State during the year under report was on the whole fair. An outbreak of Cholera and Small-Pox caused many deaths. The statement below shows the number of cases of Malarial Fever, Cholera and Small-Pox during the last three years :—

	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.
Malaria ...	27,093	18,582	21,016
Cholera ...	1,017	1,603	1,167
Small-pox ...	82	222	357

Some of the Mofussil schools were inspected by the Civil Surgeon during his tours with a view to ascertaining the prevalence of Malaria and Bowel troubles in those institutions and also to check the Quinine Register.

221. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—There was no change during the year in the number of Hospitals and Dispensaries.

222. *Attendance of Patients.*—Table "Q" shows the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals and Dispensaries. The total number of out-patients treated was 58,897 against 55,057 in the previous year, showing an increase of 3,840.

The Spleen Index Register kept in the Sudder Hospital showed that out of 2,308 children examined, 581 had enlarged spleen. The percentage of spleen cases was thus 25.26.

The total number of in-patients was 1,615 against 1,613 in the previous year.

The Spleen Index was not hitherto kept in the Mofussil Hospitals, but from the report of the Civil Surgeon, it appears that the Spleen Index was very high in Mofussil Primary Schools. The Spleen Index Register has now been opened in the Mofussil Hospitals. The percentage of death among in-patients was 10.95 against 12.12 in the previous year. The total number of patients treated in the Rajmata Cottage Hospital was 22 against 21 in the preceding year. A sum of Rs. 194-8-0 was realised as house rent against Rs. 203-8-0 in the previous year. The decrease was due to the fact that none of the patients remained in the Hospital for any considerable period.

223. *Surgical Operations*.—The total number of Surgical Operations (both Major and Minor) performed in the various Dispensaries and Hospitals of the State was 745 against 761 in the previous year. Out of the total number, 66 were Major Operations, of which 45 were performed at the Sudder Hospital and the remaining 21 in the other Hospitals, against 71, 34 and 37, respectively in the previous year.

Table "R" shows the list of Major Operations performed in the various Hospitals of the State during the year.

224. *Prevalent Diseases*.—Table "S" gives a list of the most prevalent diseases treated in the State Hospitals and Dispensaries with the results obtained.

225. *Mortality*.—Table "T" shows the particulars of mortality of the patients treated in the various Hospitals of the State.

226. *Prescriptions*.—The total number of prescriptions served in the Sudder Hospital during the year under report was 20,354 against 20,739 in the previous year. The existence of certain private dispensaries is responsible for the decrease.

The total number of prescriptions served in the remaining State Hospitals and Dispensaries was 5,558 against 9,210 in the previous year.

227. *Jail Hospital*.—The general health of the Jail was good. The administration of quinine and castor oil as a routine practice to all prisoners proved successful in checking Malaria and Bowel complaints. The practice of compulsory vaccination and re-vaccination of prisoners at the time of admission was continued.

The following table furnishes the health statistics of the Jail :—

				1924-25.	1925-26.
1.	Daily average population	...	...	98.71	98
2.	Total admission into Hospital on account of				
	sickness ...	...	...	72	51
3.	Average sick	...	...	1.32	0.98
4.	Deaths ...	...	...	1	1
5.	Percentage of death...	...	...	1.38	1.96

No serious epidemic broke out during the year under report.

One thousand five hundred and thirty-nine cases of Malarial Fever, 80 cases of Dysentery, 101 cases of Diarrhoea, 63 cases of Dyspepsia and 385 cases of other diseases of the digestive system, 20 cases of Rheumatic affection, 74 cases of the respiratory system, 5 cases of Tuberculous disease, 12 cases of Debility and Anæmia occurred during the year under report, but only one case, suffering from Anæmia, ended fatally.

Manufacture of Aerated water was daily supervised by the Jail Compounder and the strictest precautions were observed to avoid contamination.

Three lunatics were under observation against 2 in the previous year.

228. *Police-Military Hospital.*—Table "U" appended* shows the total number of admissions in the Police-Military Hospital with other particulars. Out of 649 cases treated during the year, 355 or nearly 54·69 percent were of Malarial fever.

Dysentery caused 19 admissions, Debility and Anæmia 4, Tuberculous disease one, Diseases of the Respiratory system 46, Diarrhœa 16 and diseases of the spleen 83, diseases of the Nervous system 4, Hook worm 2. Two cases were fatal, one from Hook worm and the other from Diseases of the Nervous system.

229. *Post Mortem Examination.*—The total number of Post Mortem Examinations held in the State during the year was 20 against 11 in the previous year, out of which 15, against 7, were held at the Sudder Morgue.

230. *Vaccination.*—The season for vaccination in the State is from the 15th of October to the 15th of March.

*Table "V" shows the number of vaccination cases with the result. The number of persons vaccinated was 45,424 against 32,392 of the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 89·42 against 93·06 in the previous year. The total cost of maintaining the department was Rs. 2,630-7-7 against Rs. 2,484-8-5 in the previous year.

231. *Meteorological Observations.*—The highest temperature recorded at Sudder was 106° on the 10th July 1925 and the lowest was 43° on the 9th and 23rd December 1925.

The annexed table "W" shows the total rainfall of the year under report and that of the last nine years. It was 128·60 against 162·13 of the previous year. The average rainfall of the last ten years was 160·72.

The rain gauges were regularly inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report.

232. *Vital Statistics.*—The total number of Births and Deaths in the whole State during the year under report was 8,104 and 8,578, against 8,948 and 9,053, respectively, of the previous year. The birth and death rate per mille was 13·67 and 14·47 against 15·09 and 15·27 of the previous year. The increase in mortality was mainly due to Malarial Fever and Cholera and Bowel complaints which may be attributed to the want of good drinking water.

The statement below shows the Births and Deaths per thousand of the population of the town of Cooch Behar for the last 3 years:—

Years.	Birth rates.	Death rates.
1923-24	5·42	8·81
1924-25	5·06	10·47
1925-26	5·75	10·90

233. *Inspections.*—The Hospitals and Dispensaries, the Jail and the Sub-Jails of the State were regularly inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report.

The Civil Surgeon was out of his head quarters for 42 days on duty during the year under report.

234. *Anti-rabic Treatment.*—Twenty-six patients were sent to Shillong or Calcutta for Anti-rabic treatment from the whole State against 30 in the previous year.

235. *Maternity cases.*—The Midwife attached to the Sudder Hospital attended 100 maternity cases, of which 45 were males and 55 females. Out of the total number, four were still born cases and five were difficult labour cases and had to be attended by Surgeons.

Tufangunj and Mekligunj Sub-divisions were each provided with a Midwife. In the latter place the cost was met partly by the State and partly by local contributions.

One Midwife was employed also at Dinhata and one at Mathabhanga, the cost being borne by the Town Committees of those two places.

236. *Nurses*.—One Nurse out of a sanctioned strength of three Nurses was in service at the Sudder Hospital from the beginning of the year under report. In order to manage the work temporary Male Nurses were employed and the Head Compounder, Srijut Gati Nath Bose, continued to work as Head Male Nurse.

237. *Cholera*.—Reports of Cholera came from all the Sub-divisions of the State and the disease threatened to spread in epidemic form. The disease was, however, checked in all the Sub-Divisions except Mathabhanga where it broke out in an epidemic form. The Sub-Division was divided into five circles with a Medical Officer and staff for each circle, to deal with the outbreak. A large number of Tube-wells were sunk in the affected areas to supply pure drinking water. There were altogether 1,167 attacks, out of which 759 cases ended fatally and 408 cases were cured, i. e. 65 per cent cases died.

238. *Small-pox*.—Some sporadic cases of Small-pox occurred in the State. Prompt measures were taken to cope with the disease. The total number of attacks was 357, out of which 38 only ended fatally, i. e., 1.64 per cent cases died. The low percentage of mortality from Small-pox was due to thorough vaccination and re-vaccination each year during vaccination season.

239. *Free Distribution of Quinine*.—The scheme of free distribution of Quinine in the State was continued during the year under report. 15,750 Quinine Tablets altogether were supplied to the Fouzdari Ahilkar, Inspector of Schools and Manager, Court of Wards, Cooch Behar, for free distribution.

240. *Receipts*.—The statement below shows the receipts of the department under different heads in the year under review and the two years previous:—

Heads.	1923-24.			1924-25.			1925-26.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Prescription fees...	1,687	15	0	1,557	2	0	1,446	7	0
Sale proceeds of medicines ...	1,252	12	0	1,022	0	9	965	10	6
Ditto bottles &c. ...	75	7	3	52	4	6	76	2	0
House rent of the Rajmata Cottage Hospital.	308	0	0	203	8	0	194	8	0
Subscriptions for the aided Dispensaries.	1,236	0	0	742	0	0	1,829	0	0

241. *Expenditure*.—The annexed table "X" shows the expenditure of the State Hospitals and Dispensaries. It amounted to Rs. 28,837-0-7 against Rs. 27,889-14-3 in the previous year. The increase in expenditure was due to the annual increment of the pay of some of the staff.

The total expenditure for maintaining the whole Department was Rs. 59,231 against Rs. 56,557 in the previous year. The increase in expenditure was mainly due to the Cholera epidemic at Mathabhanga.

VIII.—VETERINARY.

242. Srijut Mohanta Kumar Sen Gupta, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon was in-charge of the hospital in Cooch Behar Town during the year under report. He was on privilege leave for one month and fifteen days.

Srijut Abani Mohan Sanyal, 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, (touring officer), was employed throughout the year in the Dinhata and Tufangunj Sub-divisions with his head quarters at Sudder. He also remained in charge of the hospital in Cooch Behar Town while at Sudder during the absence on privilege leave of Srijut Mohanta Kumar Sen Gupta, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon.

The 3rd Assistant Surgeon Srijut Hem Chandra Sen Gupta (touring officer), whose appointment was sanctioned by the Regency Council for the Sub-divisions of Mathabhanga and Mekligunj, on deputation from the Civil Veterinary Department, Bengal, arrived at Cooch Behar on the forenoon of the 21st

September 1925 and joined at his head quarters at Mathabhanga on 11th October 1925. A new out-door dispensary was started there which was temporarily located at the local Panthasala building. A small out-door dispensary will be constructed during 1926-27 at Mathabhanga.

243. *Fresh cases.*—In the Veterinary Hospital at Cooch Behar 1770 fresh cases were treated during the year *viz.*, 13 Equines, 30 Bovines and 7 other animals as in-patients and 355 Equines, 1095 Bovines and 270 other animals as out-patients, against 1479 fresh cases during the previous year, *viz.*, 15 Equines, 22 Bovines and 3 other animals as in-patients and 227 Equines, 1038 Bovines and 174 other animals as out-patients, showing an increase of 201 fresh cases.

244. *Old cases.*—Four thousand seven hundred and sixty-one old cases were treated, at the hospital, *viz.*, 123 Equines, 549 Bovines and 38 other animals as in-patients and 881 Equines, 2451 Bovines and 719 other animals as out-patients against 5516 old cases of the year previous, *viz.*, 181 Equines, 357 Bovines and 136 other animals as in-patients and 1156 Equines, 3089 Bovines and 607 other animals as out-patients, showing a decrease of 755 old cases.

Medicines were supplied by the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in-charge of the Sudder Hospital to 112 cases from different villages in the Mofussil and 87 cases from the town which were not brought to the hospital; against 73 cases from the Mofussil and 82 cases from the town in the year previous.

During the year under report the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer) was out in the Mofussil for 131 days and visited 90 villages, against 265 days and 105 villages in the previous year.

245. Sixty-five cases of rinderpest, 59 cases of foot and mouth disease and 143 cases of non-contagious diseases were treated by the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, against 97 cases of rinderpest, 15 foot and mouth disease and 141 cases of non-contagious diseases in the previous year.

246. The decrease in the number of days the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon spent in the Mofussil and the villages visited and the number of patients treated for non-contagious diseases was due to his remaining in charge of the hospital in Cooch Behar town during the absence of Srijut Mohanta Kumar Sen Gupta, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, on privilege leave.

The 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon received from the Police Station 11 reports of cases of rinderpest, 1 of Hæmorrhagic septicæmia and 1 of foot and mouth disease. He attended all the reports received and inoculated 1225 head of cattle with protective rinderpest serum against 63 rinderpest, 5 foot and mouth and 3371 head of cattle inoculated in the previous year.

247. During the year under report from the 11th October 1925, the date on which he joined his head quarters at Mathabhanga, the 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer) was out in the Mofussil for 102 days and visited 68 villages. He treated 80 new and 118 old cases at head quarters, 21 new cases in the Mofussil for non-contagious diseases and 593 new and 281 old cases of contagious diseases in the Mofussil. The total number of old and new cases treated by him both at head quarters and in the Mofussil was 1093.

Twenty-five outbreak reports were received by him. Of these, 4 cases of hæmorrhagic septicæmia, 3 of rinderpest and 15 of foot and mouth disease were reported by the Police Stations, 2 cases of foot and mouth by the villagers and 1 case of Rinderpest was detected by him.

In the area under his charge there were outbreaks of rinderpest in 4 areas. In three of them the outbreaks quickly subsided. In the fourth area 107 head of cattle were protected with anti-rinderpest serum. There were 47 deaths of cattle from the disease.

There were 57 deaths in the area under the charge of this Veterinary Assistant Surgeon from hæmorrhagic septicæmia.

All the reports of outbreaks of foot and mouth disease in this area were promptly attended to and necessary measures were taken for checking the spread of the disease. There were 73 deaths from this disease in this area.

248. *Cattle Fairs*.—During the year under report there were cattle fairs in the jurisdictions of both the 2nd and 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeons where a large number of cattle were imported from different places outside the State specially from Behar. They both attended the fairs in their respective jurisdictions, did propaganda work, distributed leaflets of various contagious diseases of cattle amongst the cultivators and cattle dealers in the fairs.

A cattle show combined with an Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition was held in Cooch Behar town in March 1926. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Sudder, was placed in charge of the cattle brought to the show from different places. He distributed leaflets on various cattle diseases among the people in the exhibition area. Lectures on animal husbandry were given in the exhibition area by the Assistant Director, Veterinary Inspector, Jalpaiguri circle, and propaganda officer of the Civil Veterinary Department, Bengal, who were invited to visit the exhibition. A large crowd attended the lectures.

249. *Inspection*.—As arranged with the Civil Veterinary Department, Bengal, the Assistant Director and the Veterinary Inspector, Jalpaiguri Circle, of the Civil Veterinary Department, Bengal, paid 1 and 3 visits, respectively, to the State during the year to inspect the work of the Veterinary Assistant Surgeons, and recorded the results of their inspections, copies of which were duly sent to me.

250. *Expenditure*.—The cost of the department during the year under report was as follows :—

				Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment	...	...	...	1,848	0	0
Medicine	...	...	...	1,223	6	3
Serum	...	...	...	937	8	0
Contingencies	...	...	...	600	15	0
Travelling allowance	...	...	...	251	6	0
Total Rs.				4,861	3	3

IX.—STATE LIBRARY.

251. *Charge*.—Srijut Charu Chandra Dutt, B. L., Librarian, was in charge of the State Library throughout the year.

252. During the year under report a Committee was formed to select books and magazines &c. for the State Library with Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan as President and Rai H. L. Khastagir, Bahadur, M. A., Revenue Officer and Srijut Manorathar Dhan Dey, M. A., Principal, Victoria College, as Members.

253. Statement 'A' appended shows that no books were purchased for the State Library during the year under report as the Committee, which was formed towards the end of the year, could not submit their recommendations regarding the books to be purchased, before the close of the year. The Shivaji Literary Committee, Bombay, presented a copy of the life of Shivaji Maharaj by N. S. Takakhab, Esq.

254. Statement 'B' appended shows the number of Newspapers and magazines subscribed for, or received free, for the State Library.

255. Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan presented a number of Overland papers and magazines.

256. Daily newspapers continued to be sent to the Cooch Behar Club and received back the next morning.

257. The Library continued to be well attended.

Statement A.

No.	Language.	No. of books on 31st March 1925.	No. of books purchased during the year 1925-26.	No. of books presented during the year 1925-26.	Total on the 31st March 1926.
1.	English ...	8,811	Nil	1	8,812
2.	Bengali ...	1,498	"	...	1,498
3.	Sanskrit ...	172	"	...	172
4.	Urdu and Persian	111	"	...	111
5.	Manuscript	118	"	...	118
6.	Foreign Languages	133	"	...	133
Total ...		10,843	...	1	10,844

Statement B.

<i>Names of Newspapers and Magazines subscribed for or received free.</i>					
No.	Names.	No. of copy.			
1.	Statesman ...	...	1	Daily	Subscribed
2.	Bengalee ...	...	1	"	"
3.	Times of India (Bombay)	...	1	Weekly	"
4.	Graphic ..	...	1	"	"
5.	Cooch Behar Gazette	...	1	Fortnightly	Free
6.	Strand Magazine...	...	1	Monthly	Subscribed
7.	Mysore Economic Journal	...	1	"	"
8.	19th Century and After	...	1	"	"
9.	Review of Reviews	...	1	"	"
10.	Modern Review ...	...	1	"	"
11.	Probashi	...	1	"	"
12.	Bharatharsa	...	1	"	"
13.	Manashi-O-Marmabani	...	1	"	"
14.	Bhurati	...	1	"	"
15.	Bangabani	...	1	"	"
16.	Paricharika	...	1	"	Free
17.	Cooch Behar Administration Report	...	1	Yearly	"

X.—STATE PRESS.

258. *Charge.*—Srijut Gopal Gobinda Guha, Head Clerk and Sheristadar of the Office of the General Department, and during his absence from head quarters, on duty, Srijut Janakiballabh Biswas, 2nd Clerk and Peskar of that Office, held immediate charge of the Press, under the direct control of the Vice-President, Regency Council in the General Department.

259. *Cooch Behar Gazette.*—The Gazette was as usual published regularly twice in a month on each alternate Monday. The number of persons taking the Gazette during the year under report was 277, of whom 158 were paying subscribers and the remainder, namely 89, received the Gazette free of cost. A sum of Rs. 473 was received on account of subscriptions and remitted to the Treasury against Rs. 496 in the preceding year.

260. *Paricharika.*—The monthly Bengali Magazine of that name was printed free and published during the year and papers were supplied for it from the Press stock. The supply of papers has since been discontinued under the orders of the Regency Council.

261. *Printing of Stamps.*—Stamps of different values were printed as usual, according to the requisition of the Treasury Officer, Cooch Behar.

262. *Printing of forms etc.*—One thousand three hundred and thirty-nine different kinds of forms, reports etc. were received from different offices for printing during the year under report, against 1374 in the preceding year. The Committee formed by the Regency Council to standardise the forms printed in the State Press has taken up the work.

Under the existing orders of the Regency Council the printing of Annual Reports, forms etc. of certain private institutions, was executed free of cost as in previous years.

263. *Finance.*—During the year under report the total receipts derived from subscriptions to the *Cooch Behar Gazette* and the sale proceeds of Law Books, packing materials etc. were Rs. 602 against Rs. 845 and the total Expenditure was Rs. 20,355 against Rs. 20,990 of the preceding year. The decrease in Expenditure was mainly due to several vacancies in the Press Staff.

Mr. A. J. Norton, Superintendent, Government Printing, Bengal, on the request of the Regency Council, visited the press in January 1926 with a view to advising as to its re-organisation. His report of his inspection has since been received.

I have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servant,

C. T. C. FLOWDEN,

MAJOR,

Vice-President, Regency Council,
General Department, Cooch Behar.

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Statement A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1925-1926.

PART I.—Return of cases.

Serial Number.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHED.	OFFENCE.	Number pending from previous year.	Number reported in the year.	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation.	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mistake of law or fact or declared non-cognizable.	Number pending at end of year.	True cases				Total magistrate's true cases.	Total magistrate's cases convicted.	Grand total of true cases (columns 14+15).	REMARKS
										Convicted.	Acquitted.	Not detected or apprehended.	Total true cases (Columns 11+12+13).				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Sections of I P. Code.																
1	115, 117, 118, 119 ..	Abetment of cognizable offence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CLASS I.—Offences against the State, public tranquility, safety and justice.																
2	121 to 126, 128 ..	Offences relating to the Army and Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	221 to 224 ..	Offences relating to coin ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	265 to 268A ..	Offences relating to stamps ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	467 and 471 ..	Offences relating to Government Promissory notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	489A to 489D ..	Offences relating to Currency and Bank notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	212 to 216, 216A ..	Harboring an offender ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	221, 225, 225B and 228 ..	Other offences against public Justice.	(a) 4	2	...	6	...	...	2	4	...	...	4	7	3	11	(a) One old case de- soted.
9	148 to 153, 157, 158, 159 ..	Rioting or unlawful assembly	5	21	...	26	1	6	6	6	3	4	18	(b) 17	3	20	(b) 6 cases pending.
10	140 170, 171.....	Personating public servant or soldier.	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	
		Total ..	11	23	...	34	1	6	8	10	5	4	19	21	5	43	
	CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person.																
11	302, 303 306 ..	Murder ..	3	4	...	7	...	1	1	1	1	3	5	...	...	5	
12	307	Attempts at murder .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	304, 308	Culpable homicide	1	5	...	6	...	...	1	2	1	2	5	...	...	5	
14	376	Rape	1	5	...	6	...	...	4	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	
15	377	Unnatural offences .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	
16	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	305, 306, 309	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	4	...	1	5	...	...	5	
18	325, 326, 329, 331, 332, 335.	Grievous hurt .....	...	12	...	12	...	4	4	1	2	1	4	3	1	7	
19	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	321, 327 330, 332..	Hurt ..	...	12	1	11	...	1	2	3	2	3	9	5	...	14	
21	363 to 368 and 372, 373 and 371	Kidnapping or abduction selling etc., for prostitution and dealing in slaves	1	3	...	9	2	1	3	2	...	1	3	(c) 11	2	14	(c) 4 cases pending.
22	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	353, 354, 355, 357	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	1	5	...	6	...	1	...	2	1	2	5	3	4	13	
24	304A, 338	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total.....	7	57	1	63	2	9	15	17	7	13	35	25	8	66	
	CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property, or against property only.																
25	384, 387, 390, 399, 403.	Dacoity and preparation and assembly for dacoity.	6	15	...	21	2	...	4	1	1	13	15	...	...	15	
26	392, 393, 394, 397, 398.	Robbery ..	1	5	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	3	
27	270, 281, 282, 430 to 433, 435 to 440	Serious mischief and cognate offences.	1	6	...	7	2	...	1	...	...	4	4	...	...	4	

E.—Statement showing the outturn of the Coolah Bechar Jail during the year 1925-26.

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	Rs.	P.	A.
(1) Sale-proceeds of manufactured articles paid into Treasury ..	46,7	4	11 5
(2) Hire of conveyances ..	..	2	0 0
(3) Miscellaneous receipts ..	..	..	.....
Total Rs.,	46,783	13	2

R. K. BHAIK,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

F.—Statement shewing the value of labour of prisoners employed in the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1925-1926.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9							
Time of Jail.	Average number sentenced to labour.	Daily average no. of labourers on account of sickness and old age and awaiting medical examination and attending courts, &c.	Daily average number of labourers on account of absence from duty and holidays.	JAIL SERVANTS INCLUDING WARDERS FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.		BUILDING AND REPAIRING JAIL FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.		ON STATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.		WORKING FOR HIRE.		TOTAL OF COLS. 5, 6, 7, and 8.			
				Daily average number employed.	No. to percentage of average strength.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.
Cooch Behar Jail	95-07	8-46	12-51	22-20	26-13	Rs. A. P. 0 6 0	Rs. A. P. 5,438 14 0	3-71	Rs. A. P. 0 6 0	Rs. A. P. 428 10 0	0-43	Rs. A. P. 0 6 0	Rs. A. P. 26-69	Rs. A. P. 0 6 0	Rs. A. P. 1,317 10 0

10	11	12																
			ON MANUFACTURE &c.		TOTAL OF 10 and 11.													
Quantity and value of vegetables purchased from market for the prisoners' use.	Value.	Average number employed, and for cultivation of field.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	Average number employed.	Profits for the year.	Average profit per head of those so employed.	Total profit.	Average profit per head of prisoners employed.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Weight of vegetables produced.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
200 0 0	35 5 0	0-08	400 4 2	523 11 9	757 10 0	143 10 0	394 0 0	504 0 0	31 6 8	7,430 7 10	324 2 8	30-78	8,004 7 10	200 0 11	200 0 11	200 0 11

a. Including this value.

R. K. BHAMIA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

G.—Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1925-1926.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR						AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF					
Travelling allowance	Establishment	Feeding, including house, fuel, water, soap, &c. for the prisoners at Port Blair.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, credited vide, column 12, Statement G.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
30 5 0	2,571 12 7	7,249 2 6	4,020 12	13,073 1 10	7,745 10 10	10,325 7 0	0 4 11	60 3 11	76 6 6	41 12 9	182 14 5

RAJANI KANTA BHATTACHARYA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

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H.—Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1925-26.

1			2			3		
Jail offences.			Description of punishments.			No. of convicts.		
Relating to work	...	...	8	Loss of remission	...	...	19	
Having forbidden articles in possession...	...	20	Corporal punishment	...	...	.....
Assault &c.	...	...	...	Degradation from Warder's post	...	.....
Other breaches of Jail rules	...	10	Putting on sink fetters	...	...	2		
Offences relating to escape...	...	1	Wearing gunny suite	...	...	.....
			Putting in solitary cells	...	...	.....
			Judicially punished	...	...	2		
			Warned	...	...	11		
			Standing Hand-cuff	...	...	6		
			Cross Bar fetters	..	...	.....
			Hard Labour	...	...	.....
			Bar fetters	...	...	..
			Night Hand-cuff	...	...	.....
			Penal diet	...	...	.....
Total	...	39		Total	..	89		

RAJANI KANTA BHAUMIK,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooh Behar.

I.—Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1925-1926.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13												
													DISBURSEMENTS.					RECEIPTS.	•	Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies.	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
													On account of : stablilh- ment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manu- facture.	On account of wages of non-manu- facturing prisoners.								Total receipts.
	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.													
	15.42	3,322 3 1	1,262 2 10	5,004 5 11	17 13 0	11 4 0	29 1 0	4,945 4 11	215 7 2	109 1 3	322 10 2													

RAJANI KANTA BRAHMIK,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

*J.—Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept.,
Cooch Behar State, for the year 1925-1926.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1924-1925.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-1926.	
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings ...	34,297	.....	36,895	.....
Forest ...	1,096	.....	1,196	.....
Total Original Works	.....	35,898	.....	38,091
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings ...	34,135	.....	39,865	.....
Military „ ...	1,062	.....	1,370	.....
Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	948	.....	14,955	.....
Total Repairs ...	.....	36,145	.. ..	55,690
TOOLS AND PLANT ...	1,638	.....	11,917.	.....
Total Tools and Plant...	.....	1,638	.....	11,917
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Public Works Department.	22,115	.....	23,225	.....
Dak-Bungalows ...	1,724	.....	1,995	.....
Lansdowne Hall ...	1,130	.....	1,130	.....
Total Establishment...	.....	24,969	.....	26,350
Total final heads...	.....	98,145	.....	1,32,048
Add net Debits to Suspense heads.	.....	45	.....	-2,594
Total P. W. D. Ordinary.	.....	98,190	.....	1,29,454
Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	9,622	.....	35,477
GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	1,07,812	.....	1,54,931
RECEIPTS.				
P. W. D. Miscellaneous receipts including Forest.	.....	9,388	.....	12,319
Total Receipts ...	.....	9,388	.....	12,319

S. C. MITRA,
State Engineer, P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1925-26.---(Cont)

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1924-25. Total.	Expenditure for 1925-1926.		
			Original.	Petty works.	Total.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	Rs. 84,042	Rs. 11,506	Rs.	Rs. 11,506
28	Converting the western verandah of the Fouzdari Office into an office of the District Intelligence Staff.	38	.....	.....	.....
29	Providing iron gratings to windows in Police Superintendent's quarters.	42	.....	.....	.....
30	Providing wooden windows to the Compounder's quarters at Nishigunj.	49	.....	.....	.....
31	Pucca drain in the Raj Rajendra Narayan Boarding Institution.	21	.....	.....	.....
32	Temporary shed for the cook-shed of the Treasury guards.	105	.....	.....	.....
33	4' diameter pucca well in the Dispensary compound at Tufangunj.	.....	517	.....	517
34	8' diameter pucca well at the Teshildar's quarters at Haldibani.	.....	228	.....	228
35	Changing corrugated iron roof of the kitchen and store shed in the Naib-Ahilkar's quarters at Mekligunj.	.....	595	.....	595
36	Pucca Letrine in the Luck-up at Mathabhanga ...	.....	317	.....	317
37	Pucca well in the Rest house at Mathabhanga ...	.....	359	.....	359
38	Construction of a Record room for the Registration Department.	.....	2,727	.....	2,727
39	Full terracing the roof of the Malkutchery and Duar Office.	.....	1,043	.....	1,043
40	Providing corrugated iron roof to the existing thatched shed in the Jenkins School.	.....	7,153	.....	7,153
41	Construction of a corrugated Iron shed Malkhana for the Court Office (Police) at Tufangunj.	.....	1,259	.....	1,259
42	Certain Improvement to the Veterinary Surgeon's quarters.	.....	245	.....	245
43	Providing accommodation to the Civil prisoners in the Sudder Jail.	.....	1,236	.....	1,236
44	Two-seated latrine for the Sudder Police Station...	.....	451	.....	451
45	Mahomedan Cook shed in the Sudder Police Station.	.....	498	.....	498
46	Iron grated door for the Malkhana in the Sudder Police Station.	.....	64	.....	64
47	8' diameter pucca well at the Balarampur Inspection Bunglow.	.....	177	.....	177
48	Reconstruction of a pucca wall of the kitchen attached to the MadanMohan Temple and half-terracing the roof of Durgabari.	.....	746	.....	746
49	Providing double gate in the Sudder Jail ...	.....	316	.....	316
50	Corrugated Iron roofed shed for the Treasury guards and Malkhana at Dinhat.	.....	1,694	.....	1,694
51	Extension of the Treasury building at Cooch Behar with certain other necessary improvements.	.....	1,241	.....	1,241
52	Construction of a 3 seated latrine and a urinal and providing 2 dustbins for the Council Office.	.....	894	.....	894
53	Construction of a pucca latrine in the Naib-Ahilkar's quarters at Tufangunj.	.....	286	.....	286
54	Sinking a tube well at the State house occupied by the Head Telephone Operator.	.....	77	.....	77
55	Construction of a sitting room at the Northern quarter of Babu J. L. Sen's house.	.....	700	.....	700
56	Constructing a lavatory for the use of Audit Office.	.....	348	.....	348
57	Providing a door to the office room of the Audit Officer.	.....	65	.....	65
58	Furniture for the Revenue Officer.	.....	1,368	.....	1,368
	Carried over total Original Work ...	84,297	36,110	.....	36,110

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1925-1926.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1924-1925.	Expenditure for 1925-1926.		
			Annual	Petty works.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	84,297	36,110	.....	36,110
59	Construction of a pantry for the Staff Bungalow ...	.....	205	.....	205
60	Construction of a fowl shed for the Staff Bungalow	.....	156	.....	156
61	Construction of a small pecca footpath from the kitchen and servants godown to the northern steps of the Staff Bungalow.	.....	47	.....	47
62	Erecting a C. I. shed for fuel shed and bathroom in Bandmen's quarters.	.....	.....	179	179
63	Surveying the Torsa river in connection with the opening of Torsa canal.	.....	.....	6	6
64	Removal of surplus old materials of the Tin Bungalow west of State Press.	.....	.....	18	18
65	Surveying the river banks to find out the places probably to be affected by the breaking through of the Teesta with Dharla.	.....	.....	5	5
66	Enclosing the latrine of the Revenue office and Treasury with Jafri walls.	.....	.....	30	30
67	Surveying the river banks in connection with the probable breakage of the river Teesta into the river Dharla.	.....	.....	4	4
68	Surveying the river in connection with the break through the Teesta river.	.....	.....	6	6
69	Putting kalta chequar enclosure in the Mahut's shed at Mekligunj for keeping food of Elephants.	.....	.....	30	30
70	Providing a wooden door to the Additional Naib-Ahilkar's quarters at Mathabhanga.	.....	.....	17	17
71	Sinking a Tube well in Principal's quarters ...	.....	.....	87	87
	Total Original Works Civil Buildings ...	84,297	36,518	377	36,895
	<i>Forest.</i>				
72	Forest in general ...	815	359	.....	359
73	Planting and protecting trees ...	781	837	.....	837
	Total Forest ...	1,096	1,196	.....	1,196
	Total Original Works ...	35,393	37,714	377	38,091
	Repairs.—Civil Buildings.				
74	Anandamoyee Dharamsala ...	143	175	.....	175
75	Artisan School ...	280	326	.....	326
76	Bandmen's Quarters ...	1,226	776	79	855
77	Boarding Institution with out-houses & Assistant Tutor's Quarters.	1,200	923	.....	923
78	Brahmo Somaj Building ...	328	295	.....	295
79	Brahmo Missionary's quarters ...	145	.....	.....	.....
80	Cemetery ...	51	45	.....	45
81	Chain railing and gates at Haldibari ...	74	80	.....	80
82	Council Office with East and West wings ...	517	767	44	811
83	Dak Bungalow, Sudder ...	407	346	.....	346
84	Dak Bungalows in Mofussil ...	1,177	1,098	.....	1,098
85	Dewan's House ...	539	431	.....	431
86	Dispensary, Sudder ...	427	499	.....	499
	Carried over Total Repairs ...	6,514	5,761	123	5,884
	Carried over Original Works—Civil Buildings ...	34,397	36,518	377	36,895

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1925-1926.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1924-1925.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-1926.		
			Annual.	Petty works.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works—Civil Buildings	34,297	36,518	377	36,895
	Brought forward Repairs—Civil Buildings...	6,514	5,761	123	5,884
87	Dispensaries in Mofussil ...	941	1,265	99	1,304
88	Fouzdari office buildings ...	440	436	.....	436
89	Her Highness the Dowager Moharani's house ...	451	668	.....	648
90	Lansdowne Hall ...	1,527	1,091	.....	1,091
91	Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan's house ...	847	1,695	.....	1,695
92	Mahomedan Boarding ...	81	194	.....	194
93	Malkutchery and Dwar Office ...	161	261	.....	261
94	Office of the General Department ...	327	291	.....	291
95	Philkhana with out houses ...	1,144	1,230	.....	1,230
96	Public Works Department Godown ...	159	160	.....	160
97	Public Works Department Overseer's Office and Godown at Nilkuty.	56	77	.....	77
98	Public Works office with out houses ...	311	324	.....	324
99	Quarters for the Senior Assistant Surgeon ...	357	330	.....	330
100	Do. Naib Ahilkar's in the Sub-divisions ...	722	634	156	790
101	Quarters for the Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	300	168	.....	168
102	" " Inspector of Police at Haldibari...	50	75	.....	75
103	Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness ...	400	349	.....	349
104	Quarters for the Superintendent of Boarding Institution.	230	206	.....	206
105	Quarters for the Superintendent of Police now occupied by the Treasury Officer.	233	177	.....	177
106	Quarters for the State Engineer ...	265	258	.....	258
107	Quarters for the Principal Victoria College ...	180	221	.....	221
108	" " Tahashildar at Haldibari ...	77	69	.....	69
109	" " Additional Naib Ahilkars in the Sub-divisions.	242	288	.....	288
110	" " Secretary to His Highness' Staff.	342	218	.....	218
111	Repairs to furniture of the Vice-President's House and Dowager Maharani's House.	837	833	.....	833
112	Repairs to State house purchased from Kumar Gajendra Narayan (Sr.)	317	317	.....	317
113	Repairs to Junior Assistant Surgeon's quarters ...	147	262	.....	262
114	Repairs to Sudder Jail ...	484	916	.....	916
115	Repairs to Victor Lodge Mess ...	4	.....	.....	.....
116	Mahoots' sheds in the Sub-divisions ...	81	90	.....	90
117	Sudder Model School ...	199	195	.....	195
118	Revenue office and Treasury ...	316	280	.....	280
119	School buildings (H. E.) with respective Boardings in the Sub-divisions.	2,292	2,101	.....	2,101
120	Staff Bungalow ...	316	1,796	48	1,844
121	State Kabiraj's quarters ...	226	201	100	301
122	Sub-divisional Buildings ...	936	1,243	.....	1,243
123	Sub-divisional Lock-ups ...	829	746	.....	746
124	Sudder Police Station ...	100	165	.....	165
125	Superintendent of Pilkhana's Bungalow ...	201	182	.....	182
126	Sunni Academy ...	302	202	.....	202
127	Dismantling Tekumari Shooting Camp Bungalow	139	.....	.....	.....
128	Tan Godown at Nilkuty ...	44	54	.....	54
129	Tehsil office with out-houses at Haldibari ...	83	91	.....	91
130	Temples in Town ...	853	1,030	.....	1,030
131	Temples in Mofussil ...	1,665	1,202	.....	1,202
132	Tent godown at Nilkuty ...	302	256	.....	256
133	Thorough repairs to furniture godown at Nilkuty...	1,782	.....	.....	.....
134	Thorough repairs to Record room of the Fouzdari office.	1,031	.....	.....	.....
135	Thorough repairs to Goshanimari Temple ...	751	.....	.....	.....
136	Veterinary Hospital ...	203	218	.....	218
137	Vice-President's house ...	1,857	1,275	239	1,514
	Carried over Total Repairs ..	30,797	30,131	765	30,896
	Carried over Original Works Civil Buildings ...	34,297	36,518	377	36,895

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1925-1926.—Contd.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1924-25.	Expenditure for 1925-26.		
			Original.	Petty works.	Total.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	Rs. 34,297	Rs. 36,518	Rs. 877	Rs. 36,895
	Brought forward Civil Buildings Repairs ...	30,797	30,131	765	30,896
138	Victoria College and Jenkins School ...	825	1,420	.....	1,420
139	Repairs to the portion of the old Post office occupied by the Telephone Exchange.	204	.....	.....	.....
140	Railway Police Quarters and Thana ...	216	.....	.....	.....
141	Repairs to Raj Ra endra Narayan Boarding Institution.	173	185	.....	185
142	Post Office Building (New) ...	79	228	.....	228
143	Post Office Building (Old) ...	189	.....	118	118
144	Electric Engine House at Nilkuty ...	99	.....	.....	.....
145	State house purchased from Babu Jogendra Lal Sen	55	249	.....	249
146	N D. Church Library occupied by the Sahitya Sabha.	51	.....	.....	.....
147	Protection of cemetery and Polo ground ...	90	.....	.....	.....
148	Dewan's Record Office ...	.....	103	.....	103
149	Vice-President's house for 1924-25. ...	1,357	885	.....	885
150	Special repairs to the central sleeping shed and the Mahomedan cookshed o the boarding house at Mathabhangra. ...	.....	989	.....	989
151	Thorough repairs to the State house purchased from Kumar Gojendra Narayan (Sr.) ...	.....	3,919	.....	3,919
152	Repairs to the floor of the Audit office. ...	.....	149	.....	149
153	Repairs to Samadhi in the Keshab Asram. ...	.....	.....	224	224
	Total repairs Civil Building ...	34,135	34,258	1,107	39,365
	Miscellaneous Public Improvement.				
	Repairs to Tanks and Wells ...	883	769	.....	769
154	Up-keep of Polo and Cricket ground at Nilkuty...	65	83	.....	83
155	Protection of Race course, Polo ground and Cemetery.	.....	2,499	.....	2,499
156	Water Supply Scheme.				
	Construction and maintenance of pucca wells. ...	.....	11,604	.....	11,604
157	Total Miscellaneous Public Improvement ...	948	14,955	.....	14,955
	Military.				
158	Barracks, Stables and Magazine ...	1,062	1,170	200	1,370
	Total Military ...	1,062	1,170	200	1,370
	Total Repairs ...	36,145	54,383	1,307	55,690
	Tools and Plant.				
159	Purchase and manufacture of Tools ...	881	8,042	.....	8,042
160	Repairing Tools including Steam Roller ...	757	8,875	.....	8,875
	Total Tools and Plant ...	1,638	11,917	.....	11,917
	Establishment.—P. W. Dept.				
161	Engineers ...	4,800	4,800	.....	4,800
162	Upper Subordinates ...	1,770	2,195	.....	2,195
163	Lower ditto ...	2,598	2,759	.....	2,759
164	Petty ...	290	300	.....	300
165	Office ...	7,357	7,586	.....	7,586
	Total Establishment ...	16,815	17,640	.....	17,640
	Carried over Total Repairs ,	36,145	54,383	1,307	55,690
	Carried over Original Works Civil Buildings ...	34,297	36,518	877	36,895
	.. Tools and Plants ...	1,638	11,917	.....	11,917

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1935-36—Contd.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1934-35.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1935-36.		
			Original.	Petty works.	Total.
	Brought forward Tools and Plants ...	1,638	11,919	.....	11,917
	Brought forward Original Works ...	84,297	36,518	877	36,895
	Brought forward Civil Buildings Repairs. ...	86,145	51,883	1,307	55,690
	Brought forward Establishment ...	16,815	17,640	.....	17,640
166	Travelling allowance ...	2,632	2,969	.....	2,969
167	Inspection charges ...	383	100	.....	100
168	Contingencies ...	2,335	2,516	.....	2,516
	Total Establishment P.W. D. ...	22,115	23,225	.....	23,225
	<i>Dāk-Bungalow Establishment.</i>				
169	Salaries ...	1,141	1,152	.....	1,152
170	Contingencies ...	583	843	.....	843
	Total Dāk-Bungalow Establishment ...	1,724	1,995	.....	1,995
	<i>Lansdowne Hall.</i>				
171	Lansdowne Hall Establishment ...	1,130	1,130	.....	1,130
	Total Establishment ...	24,969	26,350	.....	26,350
	<i>Add debits to Suspense heads.</i>				
172	Stock Purchase ...	2,038	1,992	.....	1,992
173	Stock sale ...	1,670	4,362	.....	4,362
174	Stock ...	8,337	6,148	.....	6,148
175	Miscellaneous Advance ...	80	406	.....	406
	Total debits ...	12,125	12,908	.....	12,908
	<i>Deduct credits to Suspense heads.</i>				
176	Stock Purchase ...	2,038	1,992	.....	1,992
177	Stock sale ...	1,648	4,198	.....	4,198
178	Stock ...	8,337	9,079	.....	9,079
179	Miscellaneous Advance ...	57	233	.....	233
	Total credit ...	12,080	15,502	.....	15,502
	Net debits to Suspense heads ...	45	- 2,594	.....	- 2,594
	Total Expenditure P. W. D. Ordinary ...	98,190	1,27,770	1,684	1,29,454
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury ...	9,622	.....	.....	25,471
	Grand total ...	1,07,812	.....	.....	1,54,925

S. O. MITRA,
State Engineer, P. W. D.,
Cooch Behar State

Detailed Annual Statement of Receipts of the P. W. D. for the year 1925-26.

Item No.	Details of Receipts of P. W. D. for 1925-1926.	Receipts for 1924-25.	RECEIPTS FOR 1925-1926.		
					Total.
	Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
180	P. W. D. Miscellaneous receipts ...	8,426	9,912	.....	9,912
181	Sale of Timbers and Forest ordinary ...	962	2,307	.....	2,307
	Total P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts ...	9,388	12,219	.....	12,219

S. C. MITRA,
State Engineer, P. W. D.,
Oooch Behar State.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

K.—Abstract of expenditure of the Palace Public Works for 1925-26.

HEADS OF SERVICE.	Expenditure for 1924-25.		Expenditure for 1925-26.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
PALACE.				
Cooch Behar.				
Original Works ...	Rs. 14,608 0 0	A. P.	Rs. 2,839 0 0	A. P.
Repairs ...	Rs. 22,777 0 0	A. P.	Rs. 27,822 0 0	A. P.
Establishment ...	Rs. 650 0 0	A. P.	Rs. 680 0 0	A. P.
Total ...		88,080 0 0		31,341 0 0
Woodlands.				
Original Works ...	Rs. 4,758 0 0	A. P.	Rs. 31,725 0 0	A. P.
Repairs ...	Rs. 6,870 0 0	A. P.	Rs. 11,713 0 0	A. P.
Miscellaneous ...	Rs. 12,962 0 0	A. P.	Rs. 12,962 0 0	A. P.
Establishment ...	Rs. 1,468 0 0	A. P.	Rs. 1,712 0 0	A. P.
Total ...		26,058 0 0		58,112 0 0
Total Palace P. W. D. ...		64,088 0 0		89,453 0 0
Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury	4,732 0 0	6,706 0 0
Grand total	68,820 0 0	96,159 0 0

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State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of expenditure for the year 1925-26.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1924-25.	Expenditure for 1925-26.			
		Total.	Amount.	Petty.	Total.	
	PALACE.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
	Cooch Behar.					
	<i>Original Works.</i>					
*1	Conversions of the two rooms of west wing of the Palace into strong rooms.	1,247 0 0	.....	.....	.....
2	Construction of a sentry box at the front Gate.	198 0 0	.....	.....	.....
3	Half-terracing the roof of the stable	2,408 0 0	2,222 0 0	.....	2,222 0 0	
4	Providing revolving fan light with figured glass and some additions and alterations of the doors in Her Highness' wing in the Palace.	4,860 0 0	455 0 0	.....	455 0 0	
5	Removing and re-erecting the Samadhis from the Palace garden into the Keshab Asram.	5,422 0 0	.....	.....	.....
6	Constructing a temporary shed in the Palace stable for three additional stalls.	425 0 0	.....	.....	.....
7	Removing and re-erecting the Guard shed from the Palace garden to the Keshab Asram.	48 0 0	.....	.....	.....
8	Making pucca plat-form for guns in the Palace.	.....	.....	162 0 0	162 0 0	
	Total Palace, Cooch Behar,— Original Works.	14,603 0 0	2,677 0 0	162 0 0	2,839 0 0	
	<i>Repairs.</i>					
9	Improvement of Palace ground ...	2,216 0 0	2,005 0 0	.....	2,005 0 0	
10	Out-houses of Palace (Pucca and Kutcha).	2,437 0 0	3,081 0 0	12 0 0	3,093 0 0	
11	Palace Repairs ...	9,455 0 0	11,247 0 0	152 0 0	11,399 0 0	
12	Repairs to Rajander including Rajmata's house.	2,369 0 0	2,127 0 0	.....	2,127 0 0	
13	Repairs to Dynamo House with out-houses.	396 0 0	281 0 0	.....	281 0 0	
14	Stable and coach house ...	689 0 0	884 0 0	.....	884 0 0	
15	Repairs to Lighting conductors of the Palace and Stables.	5,137 0 0	2,572 0 0	150 0 0	2,722 0 0	
16	Repairs to Wine and Store Godown in the Palace.	78 0 0	.....	.....	.....
17	Out-side Surki pointing to the walls	.....	5,811 0 0	.....	5,811 0 0	
	Total Repairs Palace, Cooch Behar.	22,777 0 0	27,508 0 0	314 0 0	27,822 0 0	
	<i>Establishment.—</i>					
18	Pay of Sub-Overseer ...	650 0 0	680 0 0	.....	680 0 0	
	Total Establishment ...	650 0 0	680 0 0	.....	680 0 0	
	Carried over Total Palace,—Cooch Behar.	38,030 0 0	30,865 0 0	476 0 0	31,341 0 0	

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.
Details of Expenditure for the year 1925-26.—(Concl'd.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1924-25.	Expenditure for 1925-26.			
		Total.	Amount.	Petty.	Total.	
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
	Brought forward total Palace, Cooch Behar.	88,080 0 0	80,865 0 0	476 0 0	81,341 0 0	
	<i>Original Works.</i>					
	Palace, Woodlands.					
19	Improvement of Malis' quarters ...	1,470 0 0	.....	.....	.....
20	Cold and Hot Water supply Installation.	8,287 0 0	.....	.....	.....
21	Imitation granite stone floor in three rooms of the Main building.	.....	3,892 0 0	.....	3,892 0 0	
22	Certain additions and alterations in the Main building, Woodlands.	.....	18,468 0 0	.....	18,468 0 0	
23	Additional accommodation for the Stables at Woodlands.	.....	9,365 0 0	.....	9,365 0 0	
	Total Original Works ...	4,757 0 0	31,725 0 0	.....	31,725 0 0	
	<i>Repairs.</i>					
	Palace, Woodlands.					
24	Remetalling compound Roads ...	998 0 0	999 0 0	.....	999 0 0	
25	Repairs to Houses and Up-keep of Roads.	5,872 0 0	9,921 0 0	243 0 0	10,164 0 0	
26	Repairs to the Lightning conductor at Woodlands.	.....	550 0 0	.....	550 0 0	
	Total Repairs Woodlands. ...	6,870 0 0	11,470 0 0	243 0 0	11,713 0 0	
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					
27	Taxes	12,962 0 0	12,962 0 0	.....	12,962 0 0	
	Total Miscellaneous ...	12,962 0 0	12,962 0 0	.....	12,962 0 0	
	<i>Establishment.</i>					
28	Pay of Overseer	840 0 0	856 0 0	.....	856 0 0	
29	Travelling allowance of State Engineer.	569 0 0	801 0 0	.....	801 0 0	
30	Travelling allowance of Overseer...	60 0 0	55 0 0	.....	55 0 0	
	Total Establishment ...	1,469 0 0	1,712 0 0	.....	1,712 0 0	
	Total Palace Woodlands ...	26,058 0 0	57,869 0 0	243 0 0	58,119 0 0	
	Total Palace P. W. D. ...	64,088 0 0	88,784 0 0	719 0 0	89,453 0 0	
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury.	4,732 0 0	.....	.....	4,706 0 0	
	Grand total ...	68,820 0 0	.....	.....	66,169 0 0	

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar State.

M.—Statement of Roads and Bridges under the charge of the Public Works Department

Serial No.	NAMES OF ROADS.	Width.	BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.									
			Iron bridges.		Pucca bridges.		Wooden bridges.		Bamboo bridges.		Culverts.	
			No.	Run- ning ft.	No.	Run- ning ft.	No.	Run- ning ft.	No.	Run- ning ft.	No.	Run- ning ft.
	<i>Roads.</i>											
1	Buxa Road ...	20	4	339	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Balarampur Feeder Road ...	15	5	249	4	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi...	15	6	398	9	218	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Ditto from Dinhat to Mekligunj ...	20	4	274	...	...	5	148	1	20	...	...
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan ...	15	...	...	...	...	5	157	...	...	...	...
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road up to Moranga via Ranirhat.	15, 12	1	120	5	51	2	98-9"	...	...	...	...
7	Chowdhurihat Feeder Road ...	15	...	...	8	33	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewanganj Feeder Road.	20	10	899 9"	14	660	1	12	...	...	...	...
9	Ditto east of Cooch Behar ...	20, 15	...	...	...	...	2	30-6"	...	...	...	...
10	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	15	...	...	...	...	1	36	...	...	...	...
11	Ditto Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	15, 12	2	98	...	...	5	89	...	...	...	...
12	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Shibpur Bowrah.	15, 12	...	...	...	...	6	177	2	129	...	...
13	Falacutta Road ...	15	3	192	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...
14	Gadadhar Road (Feeder Road from Banaswar to Natabari).	15	2	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Janaki Tewari Road ...	15	3	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Kashibari Feeder Road ...	15	...	...	...	...	1	75	...	...	...	...
17	Kakina Road with branches ...	20, 15, 12	3	126½	8	133	1	62	...	...	...	...
18	Katamari to Natabari Road ...	15, 12	2	156	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Lowkuti Road ...	15, 20	6	377½	2	103	2	24	...	...	...	...
20	Manickgunj Feeder Road ...	15	1	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs	20	1	22	1	38	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	Purbabhang Road ...	20	2	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Roads and bridges at Nilkuti ...	25, 20, 18	1	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	Ditto in the Suburbs ...	20, 15, 12, 10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	Rungpur Road ...	20	5	226½	1	98	...	...	1	32	...	...
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga	15	...	...	2	27	2	111½	...	...	...	...
27	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	15, 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	10, 12	...	...	...	...	1	65	...	...	...	...
29	Ditto Hetaguri to Nazirhat ...	12, 15	...	...	...	...	2	60	...	...	...	...
30	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat ...	10, 12	1	23	...	...	1	62	...	...	...	...
31	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri ...	15, 12, 10	1	24	...	...	...	2	24	...	...	...
32	Ditto Chilahana to Bhatibari ...	12	...	...	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	...
33	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garadhat ...	12, 15	...	...	...	...	8	244	...	...	...	...
34	Ditto Banaswar to Sukundighi via Pundibari.	15, 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	Ditto Dinhat to Buxirhat ...	12	1	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Ditto Latkohari to Chowdhurihat ...	12	1	23½	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	Ditto Shalergunj to Bamanhat ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	29	...	...
38	Ratherdanga Road ...	10	1	50	1	10½	2	30	...	...	...	...
39	Salbari Road ...	12	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	...
40	Ghoshadanga to Shukundighi Road ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
41	Kristapur Road ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	Road from Changrabanda to Jamaladah ...	15	3	80	3	22½	2	36	...	...	...	...
	Total	.....	69	3879 7"	48	1,420	52	1,540-0	9	284	...	252
	<i>Village Paths.</i>											
1	Rowti Road ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Road from Garadhat to Bhalka ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Balarampur to Shilkhuri and Fulkumar ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Balarampur to Chilahana ...	10	...	...	...	...	1	16	...	...	...	...
5	Chubri-Teesta Road to Durgapur ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Kheti-Mathabhanga Road to Moranga with branch to Keshorhat.	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Rungpur Road to Bamanhat through Gossaigunj	10	...	...	1	15	1	10	...	...	...	...
8	Pundibari Road to Sil Torsa ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Road from Fulkumar to Nakkatigach ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	Small roads including road to Hatibandha	15, 10	1	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	Path from Cooch Behar to Tokoamari Road to Banaswar and to Marugunj.	10, 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	Road from Abutara to Bamanhat ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	Dhowlabari to Sisobola ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Path from Janaki Tewari Road to Ranirhat	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Cooch Behar to Rajarhat Road ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	44	...	...
16	Debagram Road ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Marugunj Road ...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	Chatnai-Chilahati Road ...	15	2	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Thanerhat Road ...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	Falimari Road and Bhatibari Road ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	Falimari Railway Station to Purbabhang	15	...	...	...	...	1	45	1	12	...	...
22	Chenakata to Bairagirhat ...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Road from Katamari Road to Khagendra Nath Deota's house (Mainagurihat.)	10	...	...	...	...	1	32	...	...	...	...
24	Road from Noyahat to Dowagurihat ...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	.....	3	177	1	15	4	108	3	69	...	34

and Expenditure in the year 1933-1934.

Metal- led.	Locality			Expenditure			REMARKS.
	Unbanked and bridged	Unbanked but not permanently bridged	Neither un- banked nor bridged.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Total.	
.....	5	2	2½	.....	119	119	
.....	15	2	1	.....	882	882	
.....	12	.....	.....	8,049	2,275	5,324	
.....	27½	.....	1½	874	787	1,661	
.....	9	2½	.....	4,568	434	5,002	
.....	14	.....	6	.....	1,809	1,809	
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	474	474	
.....	80½	5	3½	7,880	5,448	1,3328	
.....	12	2	2	.....	266	266	
.....	6	.....	5½	807	1,770	2,577	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	141	141	
.....	15	.....	4	841	2,128	2,964	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	11	.....	.....	.....	476	476	
.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	222	222	
.....	31	.....	3½	694	2,704	3,398	
.....	5½	2½	1½	.....	723	723	
.....	18½	4	2	.....	1,827	1,827	
.....	1	2½	.....	.....	105	105	
.....	11½	.....	.....	.....	6,536	6,536	
.....	1	.....	.....	2,555	365	2,920	
.....	6½	.....	4	.....	1,213	1,213	
.....	26½	.....	.....	1,264	1,303	2,567	
.....	.....	16	.....	.....	1,600	1,600	
.....	2	.....	4	.....	105	105	
.....	4	4	4	.....	1,203	1,203	
.....	4	.....	4	.....	200	200	
.....	2½	8	2	.....	.....	.....
.....	7	.....	3	579	908	1,487	
.....	2	1	5	.....	.....	.....
.....	12½	15	4	677	762	1,439	
.....	.....	8½	4	817	1,517	2,334	
.....	6	.....	.....	925	399	1,324	
.....	.....	6	.....	.....	829	829	
.....	.....	3½	.....	.....	800	800	
.....	5	2½	.....	2,962	1,276	4,238	
.....	.....	.....	4½	.....	177	177	
.....	.....	.....	1½	.....	.....	.....
.....	6½	.....	5½	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	834	565	1,399	
7½	831½	88½	79½	2,9326	41,762	71,088	
.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2	12	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....
.....	6	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	2½	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
.....	2	.....	8½	7,845	7,792	15,627	
.....	.....	3½	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	8½	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	4½	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	4½	.....	.....	.....
.....	42	.....	7½	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	3½	.....	.....	.....
.....	12½	11½	101½	7,845	7,792	15,627	

Memo.

Original and Repairs Rs. 86,715

Add Clearing Jungles Rs. 1,011

Add Inspection

Bungalows Rs. 1,334

Total ... 88,960

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

N.—Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund
for the year 1925-26.

Item No.	Service heads.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1924-25.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-26	
		Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Communication Improve- ment Fund.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Original Works ...	20,615 0 0		37,171 0 0	
2	Repairs ...	47,464 0 0		51,789 0 0	
3	Drainage ...	510 0 0		1,266 0 0	
4	Contingencies ...	180 0 0		180 0 0	
5	Rest House Establishment ...	1,320 0 0		1,307 0 0	
	Total C. I. Fund ...		70,089 0 0		91,718 0
6	Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	7,437 0 0	.....	88,130 0
	Grand Total ...	.....	77,526 0 0	.....	1,25,843 0
	Receipts.				
7	Communication Improvement Fund Receipts.	189 0 0	18 0 0
	Total Receipts	189 0 0	18 0

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N.—Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1925-26.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1924-1925.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-1926.				
		Total.			Annual.	Special.	Petty.	Total.	
Communication Improvement Fund.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works.									
1	Providing Pucca culverts and Timber Bridges on Roads.	7,872	0	0	9,007	0	0	.....	9,007
2	Bridge in the 45th mile of Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar.	1,688	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Re-construction of a 50' Iron bridge on the 8rd mile of Mathabhanga to Sitalkhuchi Road.	2,183	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Changing B. P. trough plates on the 8th and 11th miles of Mathabhanga-Shitalkhuchi Road.	2,895	0	0	8,049	0	0	.....	8,049
5	Iron Bridge on the 6th mile of Fulbari to Chilkiguri Road.	2,535	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Iron Bridge on the 8th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.	1,166	0	0	2,778	0	0	.....	2,778
7	Re-construction of a 50' Iron Bridge on the 2nd mile of Ratherdanga Road.	2,376	0	0	2,962	0	0	.....	2,962
8	Iron Bridge of 20' span on the 30th mile of Purbabhag Road.	.....	.....	.....	2,555	0	0	.....	2,555
9	Iron Bridge on the 2nd mile of Durgapur Road.	.....	.....	.....	7,845	0	0	.....	7,845
10	Iron Bridge on the 5th mile of Emigration Road West.	.....	.....	.....	4,645	0	0	.....	4,645
11	Iron Bridge on the 14th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.	.....	.....	.....	1,795	0	0	.....	1,795
12	Timber Bridge on the 10th mile of Emigration Road West.	.....	.....	.....	2,016	0	0	.....	2,016
13	Reconstruction and extension of the Bhetaguri Iron Bridge on the Rongpur Road.	.....	.....	.....	524	0	0	.....	524
Total Original Works		20,615	0	0	37,171	0	0	.....	87,171
Repairs.									
14	Buxa Road	742	0	0	119	0	0	.....	119
15	Balarampur Feeder Road	843	0	0	275	0	0	407 0 0	642
16	Cross road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi.	229	0	0	139	0	0	1,977 0 0	2,275
17	Ditto Dinhat to Mekligunj	470	0	0	445	0	0	842 0 0	787
18	Ditto Patgram to Bhutan	225	0	0	434	0	0	.....	434
19	Changrabanda Feeder Road	1,202	0	0	263	0	0	161 0 0	1,309
20	Clearing Road side jungles	925	0	0	1,011	0	0	.....	1,011
21	Chowdhurhat Feeder Road	120	0	0	.....	474	0	.....	474
22	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewangunj Feeder Road.	5,572	0	0	2,364	0	0	309 0 0	4,286
23	Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar	554	0	0	266	0	0	.....	266
24	Feeder Road from Dewanhata to Balarampur.	763	0	0	141	0	0	.....	141
25	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi &c.	967	0	0	188	0	0	705 0 0	1,092
26	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa.	457	0	0	74	0	0	1,696 0 0	1,770
27	Falacutta Road	98	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Flood damage repairs to roads & bridges	5,008	0	0	2,742	0	0	.....	2,742
29	Inspection Bungalows	1,730	0	0	1,187	0	0	47 0 0	1,234
30	Janaki Tewari Road	849	0	0	286	0	0	190 0 0	476
31	Kashlabari Feeder Road	220	0	0	50	0	0	91 0 0	141
32	Kakina Road with branches	2,636	0	0	581	0	0	309 0 0	2,532
33	Kutamari to Manabari Road	2,381	0	0	216	0	0	477 0 0	723
34	Lowkuti Road	2,942	0	0	647	0	0	584 0 0	1,661
35	Manickgunj Feeder Road	85	0	0	.....	.....	.....	105 0 0	105
36	Metalled roads in the Town & Suburbs	4,672	0	0	6,536	0	0	.....	6,536
Carried over Total Repairs		34,680	0	0	17,994	0	0	9,832 0 0	30,796
Carried over Total Original		20,615	0	0	37,171	0	0	.....	87,171

Detteid Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1925-26.—(Concluded.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1921-1925.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-1926.			
		Total.	Annual.	Special.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Bought forward Original Works ...	20,615 0 0	37,171 0 0	.....	.....	37,171 0 0
	Brought forward Repairs ...	24,630 0 0	17,994 0 0	9,982 0 0	3,470 0 0	30,796 0 0
	Repairs (continued.)					
37	Repairing 3rd mile Iron bridge on Buxa Rd	319 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
38	Purlahing Road	364 0 0	156 0 0	.....	209 0 0	365 0 0
39	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	1,192 0 0	1,218 0 0	.....	.....	1213 0 0
40	Ditt in the Suburbs	483 0 0	273 0 0	.....	346 0 0	619 0 0
41	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	97 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0	200 0 0
42	Road from Changrabanda to Jamalduh	561 0 0	.....	435 0 0	130 0 0	565 0 0
43	Road from Chilikhama to Bhatibari	164 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
44	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat	1,055 0 0	195 0 0	7 0 0	560 0 0	762 0 0
45	Road from Dinahata to Buxirhat	215 0 0	174 0 0	.....	225 0 0	399 0 0
46	Road from Failari to Chilkiguri	1,378 0 0	.....	548 0 0	360 0 0	908 0 0
47	Road from Haldilari to Bhowlagunj	73 0 0	.....	.....	105 0 0	105 0 0
48	Road from Latkoberi to Chowdhurirhat	126 0 0	.....	.....	199 0 0	199 0 0
49	Road from Mathabhangra to Moranga	2,269 0 0	184 0 0	1,243 0 0	173 0 0	1,600 0 0
50	Road from Mathabhangra to Falacutta	1,262 0 0	.....	1,043 0 0	160 0 0	1,203 0 0
51	Road from Sahelgunj to Bamanhat	66 0 0	.....	800 0 0	.....	800 0 0
52	Ruingpur Road	2,549 0 0	706 0 0	57 0 0	90 0 0	1,303 0 0
53	Salbari Road	125 0 0	.....	86 0 0	91 0 0	177 0 0
54	Village Paths	466 0 0	644 0 0	2,835 0 0	466 0 0	39,45 0 0
55	Ratherdanga Road	.....	150 0 0	1,046 0 0	80 0 0	1,276 0 0
56	Village Path from Hazratihat to Pairagirlat via Nayabhat	.....	.....	3,837 0 0	.....	3,837 0 0
57	Road from Paneswar to Sukandighi via Paudibari	.....	.....	1,517 0 0	.....	1,517 0 0
	Total Repairs	47,464 0 0	21,689 0 0	23,236 0 0	6,864 0 0	51,789 0 0
	Drainage.					
58	Opening and maintaining drainage channels in the State.	510 0 0	1,266 0 0	.....	.....	1,266 0 0
	Total Drainage	510 0 0	1,266 0 0	.....	.....	1,266 0 0
	Contingencies.					
59	Driver of Steam Road Roller	180 0 0	180 0 0	.....	.....	180 0 0
	Total Contingencies	180 0 0	180 0 0	.....	.....	180 0 0
	Inspection Bungalow Establishment.					
60	Chowkidars for Rest houses	1,320 0 0	1,307 0 0	.....	.....	1,307 0 0
	Total I. B. Establishment.	1,320 0 0	1,307 0 0	.....	.....	1,307 0 0
	Total C. I. Fund	70,089 0 0	61,613 0 0	23,236 0 0	6,864 0 0	91,713 0 0
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury.	7,427 0 0	33,180 0 0
	Grand total	77,526 0 0	124,843 0 0
	Receipts.					
61	C. I. Fund receipts	139 0 0	13 0 0

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

P.—Abstract of Annual Expenditure of the Chaklajat Public Works Department for the year 1925-26.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1924-25.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-26.		
	Amount.		Total.	Amount.		Total.
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
ORIGINAL WORKS.						
Civil Buildings ...	2,466	0 0	-	1,652	0 0	.
Total ...			2,466 0 0			1,652 0 0
REPAIRS.						
Civil Buildings ...	7,023	0 0		5,336	0 0	
Communication ...	168	0 0		157	0 0	
Miscellaneous ...	44	0 0		86	0 0	
Total ...			7,235 0 0			5,579 0 0
ESTABLISHMENT.						
Establishment including Contingency.	767	0 0		799	0 0	
			767 0 0			799 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ...			10,468 0 0			8,030 0 0
RECEIPTS.						
Sale proceeds of old materials &c.	23	0 0		29	0 0	
Total Receipts ...			23 0 0			29 0 0

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Cooch Behar State.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

P.—Annual Statement of Expenditure of the Chaklajat P. W. D. for the year 1925-26.

Serial No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1924-25.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-26.						
		Total.			Annual.		Petty.		Total.		
	ORIGINAL WORKS.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	
1	Construction of 2 Paiks' cook shed in the Satnara Toke Kutchery.	699	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Construction of a Paiks' cook shed in the Ohilahati Toke Kutchery.	832	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Embedding iron safes in the Toke Kutcheries of the Estate.	207	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Iron gratings to the windows of the Bhojanpur Toke Kutchery.	77	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Pucca floor to the Agent's Office of Rangpur Sudder Kutchery.	109	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Pucca latrine for the Barkandazas of the Rangpur Sudder Kutchery.	243	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Providing wooden ceiling to the verandah and improvements to the Manager's quarters at Debigunj.	799	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Reconstruction of the Mahuts' quarters at Debigunj.	.....	.....	.....	698	0	0	.....	698	0	0
9	Pucca latrine in the Patgram Toke Kutchery.	.....	.....	.....	289	0	0	.....	289	0	0
10	Construction of a Paiks' cookshed in the Sonahar Kutchery.	.....	.....	.....	339	0	0	.....	339	0	0
11	Construction of a Bhogghar in the Bhadreswar Temple.	.....	.....	.....	326	0	0	.....	326	0	0
	Total Original Works ...	2,466	0	0	1,652	0	0	.....	1,652	0	0
	REPAIRS.										
	<i>Civil Buildings.</i>										
12	Amila's quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	182	0	0	165	0	0	.....	165	0	0
13	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes) ...	1,304	0	0	1,142	0	0	.....	1,142	0	0
14	Compounders' quarters at Debigunj	43	0	0	43	0	0	.....	43	0	0
15	Cholera shed at Debigunj	19	0	0	19	0	0	.....	19	0	0
16	Dispensary and Native Doctor's quarters at Debigunj.	268	0	0	158	0	0	.....	158	0	0
17	Guest house at Debigunj ...	161	0	0	113	0	0	.....	113	0	0
18	Manager's Residence at Debigunj	376	0	0	388	0	0	.....	388	0	0
19	Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri	241	0	0	259	0	0	.....	259	0	0
20	Ditto ditto at Debigunj	463	0	0	512	0	0	.....	512	0	0
21	Patgram Toke Kutchery	215	0	0	228	0	0	.....	228	0	0
22	Philkela and Mahoota's quarters ...	84	0	0	39	0	0	.....	39	0	0
23	Rangpur Toke Kutcheries	742	0	0	719	0	0	.....	719	0	0
24	School Buildings in the Estates	196	0	0	318	0	0	.....	318	0	0
25	Staging Bungalows at Debigunj and Patgram.	609	0	0	485	0	0	.....	485	0	0
26	Sub-Registry office building at Boda	92	0	0	48	0	0	.....	48	0	0
27	Temples in the Estates	768	0	0	700	0	0	.....	700	0	0
28	Repairs to the Estate Buildings at Debigunj damaged by storm.	1,258	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total Repairs ...	7,023	0	0	5,336	0	0	.....	5,336	0	0
	<i>Communication.</i>										
29	Station Road	168	0	0	157	0	0	.....	157	0	0
	Total Communication ...	168	0	0	157	0	0	.....	157	0	0
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>										
30	Tungali Bund, Tanks and wells	44	0	0	86	0	0	.....	86	0	0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	44	0	0	86	0	0	.....	86	0	0
	<i>Establishment.</i>										
31	Peon	120	0	0	102	0	0	.....	102	0	0
32	Travelling and contingencies	515	0	0	493	0	0	.....	493	0	0
33	Chowkidar and Sweeper for Patgram Dak Bungalow.	132	0	0	204	0	0	.....	204	0	0
	Total Establishment ...	767	0	0	799	0	0	.....	799	0	0
	Grand Total ...	10,468	0	0	8,080	0	0	.....	8,080	0	0
	<i>Receipts.</i>										
34	Sale Proceeds of old materials	23	0	0	29	0	0	29	0	0
	Total receipts ...	23	0	0	29	0	0	29	0	0

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TABLE Q.—Shewing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.				In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily No. of in-patients.	Average daily No. of out-patients.
1925-1926.								
Sudder Dispensary	...	...	...	608	14, 3	14,676	21.67	87.71
Dinabata	...	...	...	99	8,425	8,524	1.88	87.43
Mathabhangra	...	...	...	64	5,121	5,185	1.40	88.41
Mekligunj	...	...	...	84	5,370	5,454	0.57	5.34
Tufangunj	...	...	...	55	5,573	5,628	0.69	24.57
Haldibari	...	...	...	46	8,539	8,585	1.07	80.85
Sitalkhuchi	...	...	...	14	3,717	3,731	0.88	20.97
Nishigunj	...	...	...	.....	5,035	5,035	.....	27.52
Jail Hospital	...	...	...	51	2,767	2,818	0.85	7.38
Police and Military Hospital	...	...	...	649	.....	649	1.64	.....
Total	...	...	...	1,615	58,807	60,512	30.23	379.41
1924-1925.								
Sudder Dispensary	...	...	...	713	13,889	14,602	15.63	85.87
Dinabata	...	...	...	42	7,620	7,702	1.85	54.50
Mathabhangra	...	...	...	61	5,878	5,939	2.02	47.18
Mekligunj	...	...	...	41	5,050	5,100	0.65	49.58
Tufangunj	...	...	...	47	4,741	4,788	1.79	28.00
Haldibari	...	...	...	51	8,877	8,948	8.82	40.94
Sitalkhuchi	...	...	...	14	8,707	8,721	0.26	19.61
Nishigunj	...	...	...	.....	3,646	3,646	.....	18.43
Jail Hospital	...	...	...	72	1,905	1,977	1.81	8.76
Police Military Hospital	...	...	...	532	.....	532	9.57	.....
Total	...	...	...	1,613	55,057	56,670	40.61	352.00

TABLE R.

Number of Major operations, and their results, performed in the various State Hospitals during the year 1925-26.

Serial Number.	Names of diseases.			Total cases.	Cured.	Relieved or Otherwise.	Death.	Remaining.	Nature of operation done.
1	Abscess	Abdominal	Deep,	2	2	...	...	...	Opened.
2	Do.	Left Chest wall	...	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
3	Do.	Axilla	Deep	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
4	Do.	Thigh	...	7	7	...	...	...	Do.
5	Do.	Leg	...	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
6	Do.	Buttock	...	2	2	...	...	...	Do.
7	Do.	Back	...	2	2	...	...	...	Do.
8	Do.	Mammary	...	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
9	Do.	Mastoid	...	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
10	Do.	Gluteal	...	2	1	1	...	...	Do.
11	Ascites	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	Tapped.
12	Carbuncle	...	...	5	4	...	1	...	Incised.
13	Cataract	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	Extraction of Lense.
14	Bubo	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	Gland removed.
15	Compound fracture of Radius & Ulna	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	Amputated.
16	Fistula Ano	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	Opened & Scraped.
17	Papilloma	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	Removed.
18	Tumour	...	...	9	9	...	...	...	Do.
19	Hernia	...	...	4	4	...	...	...	Radical Operation.
20	Hydrocele	...	...	8	8	...	...	...	Do.
21	Scrotal Tumour	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
22	Sinus Thigh Deep	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	Enlarged & Scraped.
23	Suppuration knee joint	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	Opened.
24	Piles	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	Removed.
25	Stone in bladder	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	Lithotrite.
26	Contracted pelvis and difficult labour	8	3	Craniotomy.
28	Difficult labour brow presentation.	1	...	1	Do.
Total				66	55	10	1	...	

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TABLE U.

Showing the sick and death rate of the Police and the Military Hospital.

YEAR.	Daily average of strength.	POLICE.			Daily average of strength.	MILITARY.		
		Admission.	Death.	Daily sick.		Admission.	Death.	Daily sick.
1925-26 ...	234.58	225	...	0.62	155.29	424	2	1.02
1924-25 ...	273.35	243	1	4.46	161.44	289	...	5.11

TABLE V.

Showing the result of vaccination operations.

		YEARS.	
		1924-1925.	1925-1926.
Total vaccinated	...	82,892	45,424
Males	...	18,887	29,858
Females	...	14,005	16,066
Hindoos	...	20,867	31,781
Mahomedans	...	11,512	13,643
Christians	...	10	.....
Other castes	...	8	.....
Under one year	...	4,882	8,888
Above one year	...	28,060	42,086
SUCCESSFUL CASES.	Out of 4 points	4	...
		3	...
		2	...
		1	...
	Out of 2 points	2	...
		1	...
Unsuccessful	...	2,221	3,556
Unknown	...	877	1,448
Total successful cases	...	29,794	40,620
Percentage of do.	...	93.08	89.42

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MONTHS.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	Total.	Average.
April	12.98	10.80	9.71	4.36	3.10	23.79	4.98	8.22	9.98	9.60	96.52	9.65
May	25.92	5.04	15.83	8.61	15.46	27.31	9.05	22.73	17.00	11.36	188.31	18.63
June	38.52	39.49	33.74	32.46	53.00	45.26	38.87	20.31	53.41	36.05	393.14	39.31
July	32.23	26.07	40.39	29.54	16.91	73.41	30.47	22.23	34.78	14.69	349.82	34.98
August	17.66	11.67	27.63	9.58	39.40	20.03	29.14	8.01	21.99	28.56	231.72	23.17
September	34.18	18.13	9.99	31.01	48.16	22.61	15.25	34.68	16.17	24.39	255.67	25.56
October	6.46	14.75	0.90	13.51	16.16	8.95	2.02	3.97	6.04	1.80	74.36	7.43
November	0.03	...	...	...	...	0.09	0.01	...	2.57	0.68	3.27	0.33
December	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
January	...	...	...	0.55	1.37	1.16	...	...	0.01	0.12	3.27	0.33
February	1.75	...	...	0.02	0.26	0.62	1.61	0.04	...	...	3.70	0.37
March	0.18	...	...	0.11	3.60	0.16	...	0.32	0.15	3.49	7.71	0.77
Total	189.61	122.15	149.19	130.70	217.42	261.98	181.40	120.21	162.13	128.60	1607.69	160.79

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TABLE X.
Financial Statement.

Year.	Dispensaries.	Establishment.	Diet.	Contingent charges.	Postage.	Disposal of the dead body.	Travelling allowances.	Total expenditure.	Cost of each dist.	Clothing and beddings purchased and distributed to others.	Cost of stationery purchased and distributed to others.	Cost of medicines &c. purchased and distributed to others.	Cost of furniture purchased and distributed to others.	Prescription fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles &c.	REMARKS.
1925-1926.	Sudder Dispensary	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
	Dinhata "	13,221 0 0	1,364 11 2	1,563 2 3	.....	34 0 0	214 6 0	1,677 3 5	0 2 9-11	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,191 0 0	100 0 0	1,083 2 0	402 6 9	42 7 0	
	Mathabhanga "	1,574 0 0	107 0 6	116 3 9	6 11 0	1 0 0	46 0 0	1,850 15 3	0 2 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 2 0	68 8 0	8 7 0	
	Mekligunj "	1,824 0 0	121 13 6	91 7 3	5 0 0	2 0 0	107 2 0	2,151 6 3	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 15 0	98 8 9	9 10 0	
	Tosfangunj "	2,004 0 0	68 12 3	25 12 0	4 8 0	.....	32 8 0	2,195 8 3	0 3 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 3 0	109 9 0	5 2 0	
	Haldibari "	1,754 0 0	37 7 10	6 1 10	4 14 0	.....	16 0 0	1,872 7 8	0 2 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 11 0	46 11 0	3 14 0	
	Saitalkhochi, "	1,986 0 0	42 5 6	93 13 0	3 12 0	4 0 0	126 9 0	2,265 7 6	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 6 0	240 15 0	4 10 0	
1924-1925.	Nishigunj "	1,260 0 0	18 14 3	24 13 6	4 5 6	.....	23 1 0	1,331 2 3	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	945 0 0	.....	33 2 0	5 0 0	.....	.....	988 2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	
	Sudder Dispensary	13,310 0 0	1,631 0 0	1,127 2 7	.....	45 0 0	113 0 0	15,626 2 7	0 2 10-78	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,900 0 0	100 0 0	1,086 2 0	372 12 0	30 15 0	
	Dinhata "	1,608 0 0	59 13 5	91 8 6	3 0 0	5 0 0	14 14 6	1,782 4 5	0 1 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	143 1 0	94 10 6	5 2 0	
	Mathabhanga "	1,642 0 0	112 9 2	76 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	50 8 0	1,887 1 2	0 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	119 1 0	141 11 3	4 8 6	
	Mekligunj "	1,884 0 0	44 1 6	93 9 6	4 2 6	2 0 0	27 6 0	2,055 3 6	0 2 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 5 0	184 10 0	1 10 0	
	Tosfangunj "	1,664 0 0	53 0 0	86 13 7	7 7 0	1 0 0	8 8 0	1,820 11 7	0 2 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 3 0	37 6 0	1 18 0	
1924-1925.	Haldibari "	1,986 0 0	53 5 6	93 13 0	3 12 0	4 0 0	126 9 0	2,265 7 6	0 3 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 6 0	240 15 0	4 10 0	
	Saitalkhochi, "	1,336 0 0	33 3 9	21 9 0	2 9 6	.....	30 14 0	1,401 4 3	0 3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nishigunj "	1,001 0 0	.....	37 1 3	2 12 0	.....	7 14 0	1,048 11 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1924-1925.	Total	34,634 0 0	1,368 1 3	1,867 8 5	36 11 0	60 0 0	339 9 6	27,839 14 3	1,557 3 0	1,024 0 9	52 4 6	

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COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 13th July, 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1925-26.

2. The late Babu Jagadballabh Biswas was in charge of the Department from the beginning of the year to 22nd July 1925, when he fell ill and went on leave to Calcutta where he died. Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, Fouzdari Ahilkar, officiated as Revenue Officer from the 3rd August 1925 till 12th November 1925 when I took over charge and the Department was under my control for the remainder of the year.

SECTION I—LAND REVENUE.

3. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 20,32,883 and the arrear demand including Rs. 1,907 due to resettlements concluded in the year under report with retrospective effect, was Rs. 3,50,279. The total demand thus amounted to Rs. 23,83,162. The total collection was Rs. 20,52,644 but as this amount includes excess payments amounting to Rs. 5,433 on account of future liabilities for land revenue, the net collection for the year was Rs. 20,47,211. Remissions were granted for Rs. 6,636. The net amount credited against the total demand of Rs. 23,83,162 was thus Rs. 20,53,847 (Rs. 20,47,211 plus Rs. 6,636) leaving a balance of Rs. 3,29,315 for recovery. The following table compares the figures for the last eight years:—

YEAR.	DEMAND.						BALANCE.						REMARKS.
	Babys or arrears Demand.												
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
Rs. or current demand.	Amount of balance shown in the statement for the previous year.	Interest.	Total arrears demand.	Gross total of demand.	Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	Out of arrears demand.	Out of current demand.	Total.	Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is included in the collections.			
1918-1919	14,78,561	51,873	1,757	50,000	15,20,000	14,94,190	5,000	27,007	57,170	54,963	2,077		
1919-1920	14,04,300	54,000	5,000	1,00,000	17,04,300	15,51,900	1,000	42,001	54,000	1,27,000	2,700		
1920-1921	15,02,300	1,00,000	5,100	1,00,000	16,00,000	17,00,000	5,000	40,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	7,500		
1921-1922	14,00,000	1,00,000	5,000	5,00,000	15,00,000	15,00,000	5,000	1,00,125	1,00,000	2,12,500	5,000		
1922-1923	19,00,000	1,00,000	5,000	5,00,000	20,00,000	20,00,000	5,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	5,00,000	5,000		
1923-1924	19,00,000	1,00,000	5,000	5,00,000	20,00,000	20,00,000	5,000	1,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000	7,500		
1924-1925	20,00,000	1,00,000	5,000	5,00,000	21,00,000	21,00,000	5,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	2,00,000	5,000		
1925-1926	20,32,883	1,907	5,000	5,00,000	22,30,790	22,30,790	5,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	2,00,000	5,000		

4. From the details in Statements I and II appended to this report which refer to Mal and Debutter land revenue it will be seen that as compared with 1924-25, there was a gross increase of Rs. 12,404 and a gross decrease of Rs. 16,515 in the current demand or a resultant net decrease of Rs. 4,111. For facility of reference, the different items of increase and decrease are shown in the following table:—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
Increase obtained by annual progressive enhancement of revenue entered in the Towji ...	Rs. 4,837	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes ...	Rs. 1,010	
Increase obtained by the settlement of Khas and Payasti lands Rs. 1,539 ...	2,525	Decrease due to jotes being declared Khas under Section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act ...	1,272	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Khas and relinquished jotes, Rs. 987		Decrease due to cancellation of leases of bad Jotes ...	253	
Increase due to rectification of mistakes ...	7	Decrease due to diluvion ...	66	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Syrat Mehals ...	5,035	Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes ...	63	
		Decrease due to modification of the settlement increase ...	83	
		Decrease due to rectification of mistakes ...	275	
		Decrease due to the falling off of revenue from Syrat Mehals ...	13,493	
Total ...	12,404	Total ...	16,515	

5. The decrease in the current demand was chiefly due to the falling off in the revenue from Syrat Mehals, the revenue from which fluctuates from year to year. In the previous year there was an increase of Rs. 11,945 obtained by the resettlement of Syrat Mehals. The bids were speculative in several instances and the increase obtained in 1924-25 could not be maintained. The decrease under this head during the year under report has nearly counter-balanced the increase obtained in the previous year.

6. There was, however, an increase of Rs. 2,525 obtained by the settlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes as well as of Khas and Payasti lands as against Rs. 799 of the previous year.

7. The collections for the year under report (Rs. 20,52,644) exceeded the current demand, the collections for 1924-25, and the average collections for the preceding five years, by Rs. 19,761, Rs. 2,071 and Rs. 1,37,915 respectively. Of the unrecovered balance of Rs. 3,29,315 shown in the table in paragraph 3 above, Rs. 1,43,679 was due at the close of the year from the estates under the management of the Court of Wards.

The following table compares the collections in each Sub-divisional office during the last two years :-

Name of Sub-division.	Demand.			Amount collected.	Percentage of collection on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
	Current.	Arrears.	Total.				
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder ...	1924-25 4,41,641	77,821	5,19,462	4,54,792	102.97	66,723	12.8
	1925-26 4,57,840	66,945	5,04,825	4,48,181	102.47	57,454	11.3
Tufangunj ...	1924-25 2,82,181	51,553	3,33,733	2,74,804	97.36	60,099	18.0
	1925-26 2,87,670	60,652	3,48,322	2,81,644	97.55	66,658	19.2
Mekligunj ...	1924-25 3,09,524	45,860	3,55,384	3,04,023	99.51	48,748	13.7
	1925-26 3,04,802	49,097	3,53,899	3,07,877	100.88	43,292	12.2
Mathabhangha ...	1924-25 5,32,717	84,627	6,21,314	5,32,077	99.87	89,258	14.3
	1925-26 5,32,187	89,484	6,21,621	5,40,609	101.59	81,129	18.0
Dinhata ...	1924-25 4,70,931	93,038	5,63,969	4,80,887	102.11	83,544	14.8
	1925-26 4,70,874	84,061	5,54,935	4,74,593	100.78	80,488	14.5
Total ...	1924-25 20,36,994	8,56,899	23,93,893	20,50,573	100.63	3,48,372	14.5
	1925-26 20,32,883	3,50,279	23,83,162	20,52,644	100.97	3,29,315	13.8

There was a slight improvement in the total collections in comparison with the previous year. Excepting in Tufangunj, the collection exceeded 100 per cent of the current demand in all the Sub-divisions. There was a slight falling off in collections in the Sudder and the Dinhata Sub-divisions, but the other Sub-divisions shewed an improvement. The balance decreased everywhere except in Tufangunj.

8. As shewn in the table in paragraph 3, the balance outstanding at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 3,48,372, while that brought forward in the accounts for the year under report was Rs. 3,50,279. The increase of Rs. 1,907 was due to resettlements concluded during the year under report with retrospective effect. The details of the arrear balance at the end of 1925-26 are shewn in the following table :-

Details regarding balance shewn at the close of 1924-25.	1. Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1924-25 Rs. 3,48,372 ... A.	Amount collected during 1925-26	Rs. 1,57,722
		Ditto remitted during 1925-26	... 6,002
		Total	... 1,63,724 B
Details regarding balance entered in the Towji during 1925-26 owing to retrospective settlements.	2. Balance at the close of 1925-26. Rs. 1,84,648 ... (A-B).		
	3. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 2	... Nil	
	4. Amount of balance entered in the Towji for 1925-26 Rs. 1,907 ... C.	Amount collected during 1925-26	... 1,041
		Amount remitted during 1925-26	... 228
		Total	... 1,269 D
	5. Balance at the close of 1925-26 Rs. 638 (C-D).		
	6. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 5	... Nil	
	7. Total balance shewn against headings 2 and 5	... 1,85,286	
	8. Total amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against headings 2 and 5 above	... Nil	

The amount remitted out of the arrear demand (Rs. 6,230) together with the amount written off out of the current demand (Rs. 466) makes up the total of Rs. 6,696 on account of remission granted during the year which is only 27 per cent of the total demand of Rs. 23,83,162. The remissions were due to dilution, acquisition of land for public purposes and other miscellaneous causes.

9. The total number of Jotes shewn on the revenue rolls was 25,355 against 25,355 of the previous year. There was thus an increase of 71 Jotes due as usual to settlement of Khas lands and resettlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes. 7,498 Jotes were advertised for sale for recovery of arrears of revenue, out of which 736 were actually sold. The number of cases in which the sale was annulled was 145. The penalties realised amounted to Rs. 7,057, of which Rs. 1,797 was paid to the auction-purchasers under sub-section 5 of Section XXVII of the Revenue Sale Act.

10. There were 2,463 cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act, of which 1,908 were disposed of and 555 remained pending at the close of the year. The recoveries by this procedure amounted to Rs. 1,38,695.

11. *Canoongoes*.—As the Settlement operations are still in progress, Munshi Kazemuddin Ahmed, First grade Canoongoe of the Revenue Department, continued to be on deputation to the Settlement Department. The work of pointing out the sites of masonry pillars to be replaced by re-inforced concrete pillars all along the Cooch Behar-Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar-Assam boundaries referred to in the previous year's report could not be finished by Canoongoe Srijut Jyotish Chandra Das Gupta during the year as he was engaged on other urgent work in connection with the Cooch Behar-Assam boundary.

The number of cases which remained pending with the Canoongoes at the end of the previous year was 144. Together with 1,593 cases made over to them for enquiry during the year, the total number of cases for enquiry was 1,737 against 1,782 of the previous year shewing a decrease of 45 cases. Enquiries were completed in 1,523 cases and 29 cases were returned without enquiry. Altogether 185 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The number of cases enquired into in each Sub-division is shewn below :—

			Total for enquiry.	Number enquired into.	Number returned without enquiry.
Sudder	...	...	584	457	...
Tufangunj	...	...	427	374	20
Mekligunj	...	...	255	232	...
Mathabhanga	...	...	274	226	...
Dinhata	..	...	247	234	...
Total	...	...	1,737	1,523	29

12. *Revenue Cases*.—Four thousand one hundred and seventy-four cases were instituted during the year under report and 1,370 cases were pending at the close of 1924-25. The total number for disposal was thus 5,544, of which 4,307 cases were disposed of and 1,237 remained pending at the close of the year. The following table compares the work in the Sub-divisional Offices during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Year.		Total for disposal.	Number disposed of.
Sudder	1924-25	...	1,267	977
	1925-26	...	1,108	795
Tufangunj	1924-25	...	1,430	1,130
	1925-26	...	1,367	1,054
Mekligunj	1924-25	...	854	705
	1925-26	...	853	756
Mathabhanga...	1924-25	...	1,357	898
	1925-26	...	1,243	847
Dinhata	1924-25	...	973	814
	1925-26	...	908	752

13. *Cases in which the State is a party.*—The only case in which the State was a party and in which the State Pleader appeared on behalf of the State was Civil Suit No. 7 of 1921-22 (Umash Chandra Bhaduri *versus* Ramesh Chandra Bhaduri and the State). This case has been pending from the previous years. It has now been concluded and is ripe for judgment.

14. *Nazari.*—The following comparative table shows the work done by this department during the last two years:—

Year.	Process served free of charge.	Process for realisation of arrears of revenue for which fees are realised afterwards	Process for which fees have been realised.	Total number of process.	Amount realised.	Expenditure.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1924-25	4,105	3,476	11,607	19,188	12,143 4 0	8,213 10 7
1925-26	3,514	3,678	13,060	20,252	13,072 12 0	8,918 1 7

The total number of processes rose from 19,188 in the previous year to 20,252 in the year under report. The number of processes for which fees were realised increased by 1,453 and there was a corresponding increase of Rs. 929-8-0 in process fees. The expenditure during the year was Rs. 8,918-1-7 which exceeded that of the previous year by Rs. 704-7-0. This excess was due to the grant of Grain Compensation Allowance with effect from the beginning of the year under report to employees drawing a pay of not more than Rs. 25 a month. The total realisations exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 4,154-10-5.

15. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—The current demand during the year under review was Rs. 1,951 against the same amount of the year previous. The arrears amounted to Rs. 365 against Rs. 277 of the previous year. The total demand was, therefore, Rs. 2,316 against Rs. 2,228 in 1924-25. Rs. 1,916 was collected during the year against Rs. 1,928 of the year previous. The amount of excess collections or collections made against future demands was Rs. 49 against Rs. 65 of the preceding year. The collections made during the year fell short of the current demand by Rs. 35. The balance left unrealised at the close of the year was Rs. 448.

April	7-46
May	10-73
June	37-22
July	14-60
August	24-95
September	25-79
October	1-02
November	0-08
December	0-00
January	0-14
February	0-04
March	3-48
Total	126-90

16. *Crops and condition of people.*—The rainfall registered during the year at the Sudder Station was 126-90 inches against 162-13 of the previous year and the normal rainfall of 135-98 inches. The details in the margin shew the distribution month by month. The rainfall during the year fell short of that in the year previous by 35-23 inches, and of the normal by 9-08 inches.

The even distribution of rainfall during the months of April and May facilitated the cultivation of *bitri* paddy, but the heavy and frequent showers during the succeeding month of June were not helpful towards the weeding operations which were retarded in consequence. The plants did not thrive well and when they were in ears, high winds blew and damaged the crop to a certain extent with the result that only a 9 anna crop was harvested and the price varied from Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 3-12 per maund.

The heavy rains in June retarded the weeding of jute also and arrested the proper growth of the plants. There was no difficulty in steeping and washing the jute, but for the reason stated above the outturn was not more than 8 annas. The price rose considerably and ranged between Rs. 16 and Rs. 25 per maund against Rs. 8 to Rs. 16 in the previous year. The high price of jute amply compensated the cultivators against a short outturn.

The weather conditions were favourable to the cultivation of *Asimanti* paddy. There was no hindrance to the successful rearing of the seedlings in the nurseries and to the work of transplantation. The showers were reasonable and beneficial to the growth of the plants. Some damage was, however, done by the flood to certain Talaks in the Sub-division of Tufanganj. The crop

when harvested yielded an outturn of 15 annas and the price of common rice ranged between Rs. 5 and Rs. 8-12 per maund.

The falls in September left an abundance of moisture in the fields and the sowing of tobacco seeds was delayed in consequence. The work of transplantation, however, progressed favourably and the weather conditions helped the plants to thrive well. In the month of March there was a hailstorm which damaged the crop to some extent in certain tracts of the Sudder Sub-division. The outturn yielded was 12 annas only and the price ranged between Rs. 13 and Rs. 27 per maund.

The outturn of mustard seed was 11 annas only and the price varied from Rs. 7 to Rs. 11 per maund.

During the year under report, small-pox was prevalent more or less in all the Sub-divisions of the State. The Dinhata Sub-division suffered the most. The number of persons attacked was 396, of whom 64 died.

Cholera broke out during the year in all the Sub-divisions of the State. There were 947 deaths out of 1,443 persons attacked. The largest number of cases occurred in the Mathabhanga Sub-division. Dinhata also fared badly but not so much as Mathabhanga.

Cattle-disease was reported from the Sudder and Dinhata Sub-divisions only. The total number attacked was 363, of which 217 died.

17. *Emigration*.—The following table gives the details for each Sub-division :—

		Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	...	...	...
Tufangunj	...	7	...
Mekligunj	...	137	87
Dinhata	...	...	29
Mathabhanga	...	7	69
Total	...	151	185

18. *Tours*.—I was away from Head-quarters for 20 days including the period spent in Calcutta for attending Council meetings. My predecessor the late Babu Jagadballabh Biswas and the Officiating Revenue Officer Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik were out on tour for 11 and 22 days respectively.

The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar is shewn in the following table :—

		Total number of days.	Number of nights passed in the interior.
SUDDER.			
Srijut Susil Kumar Chakravarti	...	6	...
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharya	...	6	...
„ Nagendra Nath Roy	...	8	...
MATHABHANGA.			
„ Umanath Dutt	...	53	20
„ Himadriballabh Biswas	...	21	7
DINHATA.			
„ Dak-hina Ranjan Dhar	...	83	13
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharya	...	5	...
MEKLI GUNJ.			
Maulvie Bazley Rahaman Sirkar	...	108	61
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi	...	112	39
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharya	...	8	...

The Sub-divisional Officers of Dinhata and Mathabhanga should have spent a larger number of nights in the interior. The touring done by the Malcatchery Naib Ahilkar also appears to be inadequate. Their attention is being drawn to this matter.

19. *Intestate property*.—The properties of persons who died intestate and heirless escheated to the State under the provisions of the Unclaimed and Intestate Property Act as in the previous year. The number of cases of such

escheats and the recoveries made on account of them in each Sub-division are shewn below :—

Name of Sub-division	Number of cases	Amount recovered.
		Rs. A. P.
Sudder	15	524 2 11
Tufangunj	5	179 8 0
Mekligunj	8	1 9 6
Mathabhanga	8	1,208 11 4
Dinhata	6	29 18 0

20. *Character of officers.*—The Head Clerk and Sheristadar Srijut Mohim Chandra Mukerjee continued to work efficiently and satisfactorily.

SECTION II.—EXCISE REVENUE.

21. The Excise Revenue from outstills increased from Rs. 80,088 in 1924-25 to Rs. 81,648 in the year under report. The revenue from duty levied on consumption of Gunja increased from Rs. 67,608-4 to Rs. 76,740 and the revenue from Opium from Rs. 23,572 to Rs. 24,637. The current demand of Excise Revenue for the year was Rs. 2,34,167 against Rs. 2,22,102 of the previous year shewing an increase of Rs. 12,065. Including the arrear demand of Rs. 4,448, the total demand was Rs. 2,38,615. The collections amounted to Rs. 2,34,167 out of the current demand and to Rs. 521 out of the arrear demand. The total collections were Rs. 2,34,688, of which the details are shewn in the appended Statement. The total population of the State according to the last Census of 1921 being 5,92,472, the incidence of Excise Revenue per head of population was 6 annas and 4.05 pies.

22. The table given below compares the collection in each Sub-divisional office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1925-1926.	Total collections for 1925-1926.	Total collections for 1924-1925.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder	86,488 0 0	84,880 0 0	86,098 0 0
Tufangunj	30,286 0 0	29,011 0 0	26,779 0 0
Mekligunj	42,408 0 0	42,408 0 0	39,501 0 0
Mathabhanga	89,778 0 0	87,729 0 0	83,740 0 0
Dinhata	40,660 0 0	40,660 0 0	38,870 0 0
Total	2,38,615 0 0	2,34,688 0 0	2,24,988 0 0

It will appear from the Statement that excepting at the Sudder there was a marked improvement in collections in every Sub-division of the State, Dinhata and Mekligunj showing the best results. The increase of Rs. 9,700 in the total collections was mainly due to the increased consumption of country spirit, Ganja and Opium as also to the rise in the duty on Gunja during the year under report.

23. The variations under each head of Revenue are explained below :—

- Country spirit.*—The current demand on account of license fees increased from Rs. 80,088 in 1924-25 to Rs. 81,648 in the year under report and there was a corresponding increase in collections.
- Imported spirit.*—The license fees amounted to Rs. 420 against the same amount in the previous year. The collection on account of license fees of denatured spirit was Rs. 80 against Rs. 15 of the previous year. Three new shops of denatured spirit were opened during the year under report. There was an increase in consumption from 179 bottles in 1924-25 to 348 in the year under review, resulting in an increase in receipts from duty from Rs. 67-7 to Rs. 128-18.

- (c) *Gunja*.—The total demand on account of license fees was Rs. 43,790. The amount collected was Rs. 42,569 against Rs. 43,806 of the previous year. The consumption amounted to 87 maunds 21 seers and 8 Chataks which exceeded the consumption for the previous year by 1 maund 18 seers and 12 Chataks. The increase in collections on account of duty which rose from Rs. 67,608-4 in 1924-25 to Rs. 76,740 in the year under report was mainly due to the rise in the rate of duty from Rs. 21 to Rs. 22 per seer with effect from the 1st May 1925. From the previous year's report it will be seen that the duty was levied at the rate of Rs. 20 per seer for about 10 months from the beginning of the year and at Rs. 21 per seer for the remaining two months.
- (d) *Opium*.—The consumption of opium amounted to 8 maunds and 27 seers which exceeded that of the previous year by 15 seers. The duty levied during the year necessarily increased from Rs. 23,572 to Rs. 24,637. There was a decrease of Rs. 27 only in the license fees which amounted to Rs. 4,128.
- (e) Nineteen licenses were issued to vendors of fresh Tari during the year under report and Rs. 95 was realised on account of license fees.
- (f) Seventy-five permits to Chemists and Druggists were granted during the year under report against seventy-two in the previous year. The license fees at Re. 1 each amounted to Rs. 75 against Rs. 72 of the previous year.

24. There were 3 cases under the Excise Law, of which 2 ended in conviction and 1 remained pending at the close of the year.

25. Rupees 3,969-0-6 was received from the Government of Bengal during the year under review against Rs. 4,005-2-11 in the previous year on account of compensation for transfer to that Government of the Excise Administration of all the isolated Chhits of Cooch Behar territory in Bengal.

SECTION III.—COURT OF WARDS.

26. *Estates under the management of the Court of Wards*.—There were 26 Estates under the management of the Court of Wards at the close of 1924-25. No new estate was taken under management during the year nor was any estate released with the result that there was no change in the number of the estates under management. A comparative statement shewing the current and arrear demands of the estates as also the demands of Revenue and Rent due from them is given below :—

			1924-25, Rs.	1925-26, Rs.
Current demand	...	...	2,49,577	2,38,404
Arrear demand	...	...	4,31,475	4,07,928
Total demand	...	...	6,81,052	6,46,332
Revenue and rents due to superior land-lords	...	...	1,61,141	1,62,194
Payment on account of revenue and rents to superior land-lords.	...	...	1,87,473	1,78,639

The decrease in the current demand for the year under report was due to (1) the release of the property in the British districts of the estate of Monmohini Dasgupta; (2) the Court of Wards having ceased to manage the property at Debigunj in the Jalpaiguri district of the estate of the late Babu Umesh Chandra Talukdar; and (3) the property in the Mathabhanga Sub-division of the estate of Babu Jatindra Chandra Maitra and others being placed under the management of the proprietors.

27. The following statement shows the receipts and disbursement of the estates for the year under report :—

Particulars of receipts.	Amount. Rs.	Particulars of disbursement.	Amount. Rs.
Cash balance at the close of 1924-25	2,875	Fees for management of the Estates ...	20,718
Rent collection including interest ...	2,47,744	Revenue paid to the State and rents paid to the superior land-lords ...	1,73,639
Collection of costs ...	20,532	Law charges ...	29, 57
Deposits and amounts credited by adjustment of advances ...	92,092	Payment of debts ...	16,071
Recovery of loans including interest and costs ...	2,733	Investment (deposits in Bank) ...	43,107
Deposits withdrawn from the Bank ...	42,037	Advances adjusted and deposits refunded... ..	92,915
Refunds ...	853	Purchase of property ...	885
Miscellaneous ...	3,830	Payment to the proprietors including charges for their maintenance ...	28,123
Total ...	4,13,566	Subscription from the Estates ...	6)
		Ferry tolls ...	21
		Miscellaneous ...	47
		Cash balance ...	4,724
		Total ...	4,13,566

28. *Character of officers.*—The Manager Srijut Pramatha Bhusan Chakravarti is an intelligent officer who takes interest in his work. The arrear demands of the estates are heavy and it will be greatly to the Manager's credit if he can substantially reduce the heavy arrears.

SECTION IV.—DEBUTTER DEPARTMENT.

29. The Janmatithi celebration of His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur was performed during the year under report at Woodlands, Calcutta, on the 24th November 1925 as desired by Your Highness. The annual Ekoddista Sradh of His Highness the late Maharaja Sir Jitendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, K. C. S. I., was also performed there on the 17th December 1925.

30. The daily recitation of Mrityunjaya Mantra which was commenced in March 1925 at the Sudder Thakurbari as mentioned in the previous year's report was concluded during the year under review. The expenditure incurred was Rs. 561.

31. The room with the padastal on which Sree Sree Anandamoyee Kali Thakurani is installed at the Sudder Thakurbari was provided with a marble floor at a total cost of Rs. 555,

32. The anniversary of the demise of His Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G. C. I. E., C. B., and that of His Highness Maharaja Raj Rajendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur were celebrated as in previous years with due solemnity on the 19th and the 1st September respectively. The residents of the town assembled in large numbers in front of the Samadhis where special prayers were offered.

33. In the Debutter Department, the total disbursement amounted to Rs. 54,068 against Rs. 60,905 of the previous year.

34. *Cook Bazar.*—The charges for the cost of establishment were Rs. 12,227 against Rs. 11,905, Pujahs &c., Rs. 28,024 against Rs. 28,639, Repairs to Temples Rs. 790 against Rs. 450, Dharmasala Rs. 2,397 against Rs. 2,731 and other miscellaneous charges Rs. 10,330 against Rs. 11,171 of the previous year.

35. All the Pujahs and periodical ceremonies were duly performed. A very large number of people attended the Rashmala during the year under report. The Railway authorities had to arrange for special trains for the conveyance of visitors to the Mall.

36. The number of poor people who were provided with food at the Sudder Thakurbaris was 67,031 against 65,544 of the previous year with a corresponding increase in the daily average from 179.57 to 188.64.

37. The number of guests and Atithis fed at the Dharmasala was 1,612 against 1,708 of the previous year.

38. The number of patients who attended the State Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary was 15,175 with a daily average attendance of 41.57. The Ayurvedic garden in the town was maintained as heretofore.

39. The number of poor students who received stipends from the Debutter Department during the year was 39 of whom 19 were natives of the State. The total amount disbursed for stipends was Rs. 2,948. Among the stipendiaries, three passed the I. Sc., and one the Matriculation Examinations. The results of the B. A. and B. Sc. Examinations are not yet out. Of the successful candidates, one was a native of the State. During the year new educational stipends were granted to 12 students.

40. The amounts disbursed from the Debutter Department on account of contribution to Religious and Charitable Institutions, Donation, Allowance to Rajgons as well as Allowance to Brahmans and others were Rs. 7,505, Rs. 4,723, Rs. 30,470 and Rs. 12,755 respectively. Contribution to Religious and Charitable Institutions increased from Rs. 4,934 in 1924-25 to Rs. 7,505 during the year under report. The increase was due to an additional grant of Rs. 1,700 being made for the improvement of the Cooch Behar Leper Asylum and of Rs. 1,500 for a silver cup presented to the Royal Turf Club, Calcutta. Besides these expenditure, contributions and donations amounting to Rs. 1,400 were paid direct from the Treasury.

41. *Benares.*—The Miscellaneous receipts including the sale-proceeds of the garden produce at Benares amounted to Rs. 244 against Rs. 319 of the previous year. The expenditure on account of establishment and other charges was Rs. 4,037 and Rs. 18,302 against Rs. 4,029 and Rs. 12,352 respectively of the previous year. The increased expenditure under other charges during the year under report was chiefly due to the large outlay in repairing the State houses at Benares. The number of persons who were provided with free meals at the Chhatra was 92,090 against 89,862 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 2,218 persons.

SECTION V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

42. *Bunder.*—The total number of carts registered at the Bunder at Haldibari was 32,151 against 58,571 of the previous year shewing a decrease of 26,420 carts. Owing to the partial failure of the jute crop, the number of jute carts which came to the Bunder during the year was less than one half of the number which came to the Bander during the previous year. The large decrease in the number of jute carts accounted for the decrease in the total number of carts. There was also a small decrease in the number of carts carrying commodities of other kind excepting bamboo-mats and tobacco. The collection of tolls necessarily came down to Rs. 4,025-6-0 from Rs. 7,330-8-6 of the previous year. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,502-10-11 against Rs. 1,541-2-6 in 1924-25. The net gain to the State was, therefore, Rs. 2,522-11-1. There was also a decrease in the export of jute and tobacco from the Calicagunj Bunder at Mathabhanga, 20,918 maunds of jute and 45,540 maunds of tobacco being exported from the Bunder against 30,144 and 59,725 maunds, respectively, in the previous year.

43. *Fairs.*—The total collection of tolls at the Garad Hat, Fulbari and Changrabandha Fairs amounted to Rs. 1,029 against Rs. 1,384 of the previous year. The collection for Rashmela in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was Rs. 1,078 only against Rs. 4,881 in the previous year. The decrease was due to the fact that no Triguti Khela (a kind of gambling) was permitted in the Mela. There were annual fairs held at Dikata and

Haldibari as usual and the collections from these two fairs were as usual made over to the local Town Committees. An income of Rs. 465 was derived from the Gadadhar Fair which is held in Taluk Ambari at the confluence of the Kaljani and the Gadadhar rivers. The Shivaratri Mela at Banaswar which is gradually growing in importance yielded an income of Rs. 130 against Rs. 91 of the previous year. There was no Baruni Mela at Kalighat in the Sudder Sub-division during the year under report.

An Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition with a cattle show was held in the month of March on the Parade grounds in the Town of Cooch Behar under the kind patronage of Your Highness. Subsidiary attractions were provided in the shape of Sports, Jatra performances and Bioscopes and people flocked in large numbers to see the Exhibition. A sum of Rs. 2,000 was paid towards the Exhibition Fund from the Revenue Budget under orders of the Regency Council. The Exhibition was a great success.

44. *Cooch Behar Town*.—The current demand of Land Revenue in the town was Rs. 26,178 against Rs. 31,349 of the previous year. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in the Syrat Revenue from the Devibari Mela and the Rashmela where no Triguti Khela was permitted to be held during the year under report. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 3,403 the total demand was Rs. 29,591 out of which Rs. 25,729 was collected inclusive of an excess payment of Rs. 66. The balance remaining unrealised at the close of the year was Rs. 3,919. The revenue derived from the Town was as usual paid to the Town Committee of Cooch Behar.

I have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient, humble servant,

H. L. KHASTGIR,

Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT NO. I.—Statement of Demands, Collections and Payments of Revenue for the year 1925-26.

Name of Mahal	DEMANDS.		COLLECTIONS.		REMISSIONS.		BALANCES.		PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year		Previous year		Present year		Previous year		Present year		
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	
Revenue permanently settled or fixed revenue Mahals	8,102	4 9	7 3 3	0 0 0	8,102	1 7	0 0 0	8,102	1 7	0 0 0	
Revenue not permanently settled	17,30,106	12 11 2,40,000	0 4	10,00,717	4 9	16,10,978	6 4	1,00,000	14 8	17,30,040	5 0
TOTAL	17,38,208	15 10 2,40,400	13 7	10,00,717	4 9	16,10,978	6 4	1,00,000	14 8	17,30,040	5 0
Byrant Mahals	1,00,000	12 11 57,100	4 9	1,00,000	12 11 57,100	4 9	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	
GRAND TOTAL	18,38,208	15 10 2,40,400	13 7	11,00,717	4 9	17,10,978	6 4	1,00,000	14 8	18,30,040	5 0

(a.)—The current demand for the year was Rs. 18,38,208-15-9 against Rs. 18,38,208-11-7 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 1,000-4-2. There was thus a net decrease of Rs. 4,078-12-12.

The details are given below:—

INCREASE.		DECREASE.	
	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
1. Increase due to re-settlement of Khaj jobs	787 0 8	1. Decrease due to bad condition of jobs	200 12 3
2. Ditto re-settlement of relinquished jobs	249 12 3	2. Reimbursement of jobs	1,000 0 0
3. Ditto settlement of Khaj lands	200 0 0	3. Jobs made Khaj under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	1,000 0 0
4. Ditto settlement of Payasahi lands	375 8 8	4. Rectification of mistakes in the Town	270 1 1
5. Ditto annual progressive enhancement of revenue	4,641 0 1	5. Acquisition of land for public purposes	270 2 10
6. Ditto modification of salaries in the Town	6 6 10	6. Divulgence	62 10 11
7. Ditto re-settlement of Byrant Mahals at favourable terms	4,717 1 9	7. Modifications of settlements' r'v's	48 6 6
		8. Reduction in Janna of Byrant Mahals	28 2 2
Total	11,029 1 9	9. Re-settlement of Byrant Mahals at reduced terms	200 0 0
			12,001 2 8

(b.)—Total balance shown at the close of the previous year ...
Arrears brought forward in this statement ...
Increase mainly due to settlement with retrospective effect ...

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

(d.) The Council Office No. dated

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REVENUE STATEMENT NO. II.—Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1925-1926.

NAME OF MHAL.	DEMANDS.		COLLECTIONS.		REMISSIONS.		BALANCES.		PAID IN EXCESS.	
	Present year.	Previous year.	Present year.	Previous year.	Present year.	Previous year.	Present year.	Previous year.	Present year.	Previous year.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Moharrat Bhatta.	32 15 4	.....	32 15 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estates not permanently settled ..	1,52,486 0 11	14,046 7 4	1,66,532 8 3	1,49,264 10 0	3,467 15 4	1,57,832 9 4	3,915 11 2	5,578 8 0	9,494 3 2	794 4 2
TOTAL ..	1,52,519 0 3	14,046 7 4	1,66,565 7 7	1,49,307 9 4	.....	1,57,865 8 8	3,915 11 2	5,578 8 0	9,494 3 2	794 4 2
Syret Mchals ..	9,335 0 0	8,594 2 0	17,928 2 0	4,595 11 5	.....	7,553 9 5	4,703 0 7	5,631 4 0	10,339 4 7	28 12 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,61,854 0 3	22,640 9 4	1,84,494 9 7	1,53,903 4 9	.....	1,65,419 3 1	8,618 11 9	11,209 12 0	19,833 7 9	823 0 2

EXPLANATIONS:

(a) The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,61,854-0-3 against Rs. 1,61,291-2-3 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 463-8-0 which is chiefly attributable to the increase in Juma obtained by annual progressive enhancement of revenue and to re-settlement of Syret mchals at favourable Juma. The details are given below:—

INCREASE.

Increase due to annual progressive enhancement of revenue ..	Rs. A. P.
Settlement of Syret Mchals ..	146 6 1
Total ..	316 0 0
Deduct decrease ..	.....
Net increase ..	316 0 0

DECREASE.

1. Decrease due to settlement of Syret Mchals at reduced Juma ..	Rs. A. P.
Total ..	51 14 1

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REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and balances of Excise Revenue for the year 1926-26.

EXCISEABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			BALANCES.		
	Current.	Rs. A. P.	Arrear.	Total.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Remissions.	Rs. A. P.
Tax of Out-still shops of country spirit	81,648 0 0	2,704 2 6		84,352 2 6	81,648 0 0		81,648 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Ditto Fresh date-palm juice	95 0 0			95 0 0	95 0 0		95 0 0		
— Licence-fees of imported liquor shops	420 0 0			420 0 0	420 0 0		420 0 0		
Ditto dematured spirit shops	30 0 0			30 0 0	30 0 0		30 0 0		
Duty on Ganja	76,740 0 0			76,740 0 0	76,740 0 0		76,740 0 0		
Chemists and Druggists permits	75 0 0			75 0 0	75 0 0		75 0 0		
Licence-fees of Ganja	42,048 0 0	1,742 6 3		43,790 6 3	42,048 0 0	521 0 0	42,569 0 0	799 6 3	
Ditto of Opium	4,128 0 0	2 0 0		4,130 0 0	4,128 0 0		4,128 0 0	2 0 0	
Duty on Opium	24,637 0 0			24,637 0 0	24,637 0 0		24,637 0 0		
Duty on Imported spirit	128 13 0			128 13 0	128 13 0		128 13 0		
Miscellaneous collections	4,217 1 1			4,217 1 1	4,217 1 1		4,217 1 1		
TOTAL	2,34,166 14 1	4,448 8 92	38,615 6 10	2,34,166 14 1	521 0 0	2,31,687 14 1	4,217 1 1	3,505 8 9	422 0 0

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FROM

H. L. KHASTGIR, Esq., RAI BAHADUR, M. A.,

*Revenue Officer of the Cooch Behar State,
In the Treasury Department.*

TO

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT,

Regency Council, Cooch Behar.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th June, 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the working of the Cooch Behar Treasury during 1925-26.

2. The immediate charge of the Treasury was held throughout the year by Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghoshal. There was a change in the office of the Head of the Department owing to the death on the 28th July, 1925, of Srijut Jagadballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M. A., B. L., temporarily held charge of the office from the 3rd August, 1925 until he was relieved by me on the 12th November, 1925.

3. The year opened and closed with a respective cash balance of Rs. 15,49,737 and Rs. 15,56,021 as shewn below:—

		Opening balance.	Closing balance.
		Rs.	Rs.
Cooch Behar State	...	7,24,859	5,63,958
Funds and Deposits	...	67,837	1,41,544
Government	...	7,57,041	8,50,519
Total	...	15,49,737	15,56,021

4. The total receipts and disbursements of the year amounted to Rs. 59,74,654 and Rs. 59,68,369, respectively, against Rs. 56,30,517 and Rs. 49,07,292, respectively, of the previous year.

5. The total Stamp revenue of the year under report amounted to Rs. 3,31,184-12-0 against Rs. 3,26,786-1-9 of the previous year shewing an increase of Rs. 4,398-10-3 as shewn below:—

Kinds of stamps.	1924-25.	1925-26.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Service Stamps ...	8,499 14 6	7,825 5 0	.....	674 9 6	
Judicial including Settlement Stamps.	1,91,748 8 0	1,89,806 8 0	.....	2,442 0 0	
Documentary	51,906 0 0	57,815 8 0	5,909 8 0	.....
Court-fee	58,009 0 0	58,674 4 0	665 4 0	.....
Copying-fee	6,727 8 0	6,601 5 0	.....	126 3 0	
Adhesive	7,218 0 0	7,140 0 0	.....	78 0 0	
Embossed	64 9 0	14 1 0	.....	50 8 0	
Cartridge paper	2,070 2 8	2,966 1 0	895 14 9	.....
Miscellaneous	542 8 0	843 12 0	301 4 0	.....
Total	3,26,786 1 9	3,31,184 12 0	7,749 14 9	2,371 4 6	

6. Statement A hereto annexed will shew the Stamp revenue collected in the different Sub-Treasuries with the exception of Settlement stamps.

The following table shews the sale of Settlement stamps during 1925-26.

Names of Sub-Divisions.			With Commission.	Without Commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.
Sudder	...	..	1,057 0 0	..... *	16 8 8	1,040 7 9
Dinhata	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mathabhanga	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mekligunj	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tufangunj	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	...	...	1,057 0 0	.....	16 8 8	1,040 7 9

7. The total value of currency notes received into, and issued from, the Treasury was Rs. 65,33,520 and Rs. 60,40,415, respectively, against the corresponding sums of Rs. 60,57,710 and Rs. 54,43,525 of the previous year. Thus the receipt and issue were more by Rs. 4,75,810 and Rs. 5,96,890 respectively.

8. *Character of officers.*—The work of the Treasury was efficiently supervised by the Treasury Officer Srijut S. C. Ghoshal.

I have the honour to be,
 YOUR HIGHNESS'
 Most obedient, humble servant,

H. L. KHASTGIR.

Revenue Officer,
 In the Treasury Department.
 Cooch Behar.

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1925-1926.

Names of Sub-divisions.	JUDICIAL.		DOCUMENTARY.		COURT FEE.		COPYING FEE.		MISCELLANEOUS.		Total.
	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	Postage.	Day use of papers.	
Sudder ..	Rs. A. P. 51,512 0 0	Rs. A. P. 10,349 0 0	Rs. A. P. 14,147 0 0	Rs. A. P. 1,940 0 0	Rs. A. P. 15,733 8 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 2,188 12 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 555 0 0	Rs. A. P. 116 2 0	Rs. A. P. 96,171 7 0
Dinhata ..	38,148 8 0	755 0 0	12,519 8 0	145 0 0	12,839 8 0	12 6 0	1,373 0 0	....	28 0 0	2 0 0	54,777 8 0
Mathabhanga ..	45,285 0 0	724 0 0	12,571 0 0	70 0 0	14,565 8 0	....	1,910 1 0	....	35 0 0	3 8 0	75,766 15 0
Mekligunj ..	22,784 8 0	498 0 0	8,053 0 0	....	5,781 8 0	....	743 0 0	....	10 0 0	1 0 0	41,819 0 0
Tufangunj ..	18 983 8 0	88 0 0	8,067 0 0	....	5,967 0 0	....	496 8 0	....	60 1 0	5 8 0	31,647 9 0
Total ..	1,75,987 8 0	12,293 0 0	55,980 8 0	1,355 0 0	58,689 14 0	12 6 0	4,601 5 0	....	715 1 0	126 11 0	2,12,182 5 0

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1925-26. (Continued)

Names of Sub-divisions.	Commission Vendors.	Net amount.	CARTRIDGE PAPER.			
			With commission.	Without commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.
Sudder ..	Rs. A. P. 1,550 3 8	Rs. A. P. 94,321 8 9	Rs. A. P. 825 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 55 5 0	Rs. A. P. 829 11 0
Dinhata ..	1,461 6 6	65,335 15 6	780 0 0	.....	46 14 0	703 2 0
Mathabhanga ..	1,598 14 0	74,180 1 0	751 1 0	.....	46 15 0	704 2 0
Mekligunj ..	841 14 6	40,977 1 6	322 8 0	.....	20 12 6	311 11 6
Tufangunj ..	639 8 0	30,638 1 0	247 8 0	.....	15 7 6	233 0 6
Total ..	6,404 14 8	3,06,777 6 9	2,306 1 0	.....	186 6 0	2,790 11 0

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1925-26. (Concluded)

Names of Sub-divisions.	ADHESIVE STAMP.				Embossed Stamp.	Service Stamp.	Grand total of gross amount.	Grand total of net amount.
	With commission.	Without commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.				
Sudder ..	Rs. A. P. 2,505 0 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 154 12 0	Rs. A. P. 2,351 4 0	Rs. A. P. 14 1 0	Rs. A. P. 7,325 6 0	Rs. A. P. 1,07,108 13 0	Rs. A. P. 1,06,341 5 9
Dinhata ..	1,908 0 0	.....	75 8 0	1,130 10 0	....	.....	62,732 6 0	67,109 11 8
Mathabhanga ..	1,377 0 0	.....	88 1 0	1,390 15 0	....	.....	77,295 0 0	75,176 2 0
Mekligunj ..	1,446 0 0	.....	32 2 0	1,508 14 0	....	.....	42,699 8 0	42,629 11 0
Tufangunj ..	391 0 0	.....	36 15 0	354 1 0	....	.....	22,498 1 0	21,729 2 6
Total ..	7,140 0 0	.....	406 4 0	6,733 12 0	14 1 0	7,325 6 0	1,30,127 12 0	1,28,001 5 9

Treasury Office, Cooch Behar.

Dated, the 18th June, 1925.

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer of the State, Incharge
Treasury Department, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

MAJOR C. T. C. PLOWDEN, I. A.,

Vice-President, Regency Council,

In the Settlement Department, Cooch Behar State.

TO

HER HIGHNESS THE REGENT AND PRESIDENT,

REGENCY COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 28th July 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Administration Report of the Settlement Department for the year 1925-26.

2. *Charge*.—I held charge of the Department throughout the year.

3. *Staff*.—Sreejut Karali Charan Ganguli of the Bengal Civil Service continued to be the Settlement Officer of the State, except for a period of one month, from the 20th January to the 19th February 1926, when he was absent on leave and Sreejut Priyanath Ray Choudhuri, Assistant Settlement Officer, remained in charge of the office.

The three experienced Kanungos lent by the Government of Bengal worked as Assistant Settlement Officers throughout the year. Munshi Kajemuddin Ahmed, Senior Kanungo of the Revenue Department of the State, remained on deputation in the Settlement Department during the year. This Kanungo and Sreejuts Bijay Chandra Banerjee and Srish Chandra Ghosh, temporary Kanungos, were vested with the powers of Assistant Settlement Officers under the Resettlement Notification dated the 7th March 1926 published in the State Gazette dated the 22nd March 1926 in order to expedite the hearing of objections. Sreejut Ishan Chandra De, Assistant Kanungo, reverted to the Revenue Department on the 1st June 1925.

Sreejut Priyanath Ray Choudhuri, Assistant Settlement Officer, spent 52 days in May 1925 and January to March 1926 in helping the Naib Ahilkar, Tufanganj, during the adjustment of the boundary of the State with the Goalpara and the Rangpur districts.

4. *Final orders on the proposals in connection with the resettlement*.—As stated in last year's report, the Regency Council's proposals for the resettlement of the land revenue of the State were forwarded to the Political Agent for his concurrence on the 4th April 1925, with a letter which reviewed at length all the questions requiring consideration. The Regency Council had proposed to offer alternatives of a settlement for 99 years and of a settlement for 30 years, the former offer involving higher rates of revenue than the latter in the case of seven out of the fifteen classes of land. Their sole reason for proposing a 99 years settlement was that His Highness, the late Maharaja, had decided and publicly announced that the settlement about to be concluded would be for 99 years. After careful consideration of the proposals of the Regency Council, His Excellency the Governor of Bengal in Council was satisfied that a settlement for 99 years would not be in the interests of the Ruling Family of the jotedars or of the undertenants, and he was unable,

therefore, to agree to it. His Excellency in Council, however, accepted the alternative proposal for a 30 years settlement and all the other proposals of the Regency Council. The orders of Government were received at the end of June 1925 and the Resettlement Notification dated the 11th July 1925 containing the final orders of the Regency Council was published, (both in English and Bengali), in two successive issues of the State Gazette (dated the 18th and 27th July 1925), for general information.

The final orders are reproduced below :—

"1. *Period of settlement.*—The period of the settlement about to be concluded shall be for 30 years. This period of 30 years shall be counted from the beginning of the Bengali year in which the rents and revenue about to be settled take effect.

"2. *Rates of revenue.*—(a) The provisional rates of assessment per bigha for Awal, Doem and Soem land sanctioned on the 10th April 1922 and published in the State-Gazette dated the 12th April 1922 are confirmed. These rates are :—

CLASS OF LAND.	CLASS OF TALUK.		
	First	Second	Third.
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.
Awal	1 3	1 1	0 15
Doem	0 14	0 13	0 12
Soem	0 11	0 9	0 8

(b) The old rates for all the other 12 classes of land shall remain unaltered for the whole period of the settlement.

"3. *Girds Chowra, Sandara and Bilat Bisguri.*—In the case of these Girds :—

(a) The old rates for *laik patit* and *nalaik patit* land, *vis.*, 2 annas per bigha and 1 anna per bigha, respectively, shall be retained ; and

(b) the rates for all the other 13 classes of land shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the rates applicable to Jotes in ordinary tracts. The table below shows the rates to be applied to the 13 classes of land in these three Girds :—

Class of land.	Class of Taluk.		
	First	Second.	Third.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Betelnut garden ...	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 8 0
2. Bastu and Udbastu ...	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 10 0
3. Garden ...	2 10 0	2 10 0	2 10 0
4. Bamboo ...	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
5. Tobacco first class ...	1 5 0	1 5 0	1 5 0
6. Ditto second class ...	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 2 0
7. Ditto third class ...	0 14 0	0 14 0	0 14 0
8. Awal ...	1 1 0	0 15 0	0 13 0
9. Doem ...	0 12 0	0 11 0	0 10 0
10. Soem ...	0 10 0	0 8 0	0 7 0
11. Chaharam ...	0 6 0	0 5 0	0 4 6
12. Sankhar (thatohing grass)	0 6 0	0 5 0	0 4 6
13. Jala ...	0 7 0	0 7 0	0 7 0

"4. *Payasti lands, lands in towns and Bunders and new settlements of State Khas lands.*—Payasti lands will be subject to a 10 years settlement in accordance with past practice. The settlement of lands in towns and Bunders and new settlements of State Khas lands will be subject to such terms and conditions as may be decided upon from time to time.

- "5. *Mokarari and Lakheraj Estates*.—The rates and the period of settlement mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs for Mal and Debutter Mahals shall apply to the holdings in Mokarari and Lakheraj Estates.
- "6. *Rents*.—Fair and equitable rents shall be settled for all grades of undertenants, including the *Krishiprajas* (illegally settled undertenants now recognised under the title of cultivating raiyats) on the basis of the classification of the soil and as far as possible according to the scale of profits hitherto in force and now slightly modified in order to provide for the cases of *Krishiprajas* (*vide* paragraph 7 (c)).

In the cases, however, in which the rents paid are in excess of the rents payable in accordance with the sanctioned scale of profits the procedure laid down below shall be followed :—

Where the existing contractual rent of an undertenure exceeds the rent calculated under the sanctioned scale of profits but does not exceed double that rent, the immediately superior landlord shall be allowed either the existing profit or a profit of 50 % in excess of that admissible under the sanctioned scale, whichever is less. Where, however, the contractual rent exceeds double the rent calculated under the sanctioned scale of profits, the immediately superior landlord shall be allowed double the sanctioned profit, provided that the contractual rent has been realised for more than 10 years, the burden of proving which shall be on the landlord. Failing such proof, the landlord shall be allowed a profit only 50 % in excess of that admissible under the sanctioned scale of profits.

Illustrations.

- (1) Where a Jotedar's revenue is fixed at Rs. 100 for a certain arear, the Chukanidar's rent at the sanctioned rate of profit, in respect of the same area, should be Rs. 135 and the Jotedar's profit Rs. 35. If the rent be contractual and exceeds Rs. 135 but does not exceed Rs. 270, the maximum rent allowable shall be Rs. 152-8 (or Rs. $100 + 5 + 17-8$); but where the existing rent does not exceed Rs. 152-8, the existing rent shall remain in force for the whole period of the settlement; i.e., Chukanidars' rents ranging between Rs. 135 and Rs. 152-8 shall not be altered, while those between Rs. 152-8 and Rs. 270 shall be reduced to Rs. 152-8. Where the existing contractual rent exceeds Rs. 270 and the Jotedar proves collection of that rent for more than 10 years, the Chukani rent shall be fixed at Rs. 170 (or Rs. $100 + 35 + 35$); but failing such proof, it shall be reduced to Rs. 152-8.
- (2) Where the Jotedar's revenue is fixed at Rs. 100 and the Chukanidar's rent at Rs. 135 and the entire area has been sublet to a cultivating Darchukanidar, the Chukanidar should get a profit of Rs. 25 under the sanctioned scale and the calculated rent of the Darchukani should be Rs. 160. If, however, the Darchukani rent be contractual and exceeds Rs. 160 but does not exceed Rs. 320, the maximum rent allowable to the Chukanidar shall be Rs. 172-8 (or Rs. $135 + 25 + 12-8$); but where the existing rent does not exceed Rs. 172-8, it shall be retained; i.e. rents ranging between Rs. 160 and Rs. 172-8 shall be left unaltered, while those between Rs. 172-8 and Rs. 320 shall be reduced to Rs. 172-8. Where the existing contractual rent exceeds Rs. 320 and the Chukanidar proves collection of that rent for more than 10 years, the Darchukani rent shall be fixed at Rs. 185 (or Rs. $135 + 25 + 25$); but in the absence of such proof, it shall be reduced to Rs. 172-8.

- (3) If, in illustration (2) above, the Chukanidar's rent be contractual and be fixed on the lines laid down in (1) above, the rent so fixed shall be substituted for Rs. 135 in the above calculation, (but not for calculating the rent of the Darchukani at the sanctioned rate of profit) and the Darchukani rent shall be settled accordingly. Thus, where the Chukani rent is fixed at Rs. 152-8 instead of at Rs. 135, the minimum rent allowable to the Chukanidar is Rs. 177-8 (or Rs. 152-8 + 25). If the Darchukani rent be contractual and ranges between Rs. 177-8 and Rs. 320, [or $2 \times (135 + 25)$ but not $2 \times 152-8 + 25$] or 255], the maximum rent allowable to the Chukanidar shall be Rs. 190 (or Rs. 152-8 + 25 + 12-8), and rents between Rs. 177-8 and Rs. 190 shall be retained, while those between Rs. 190 and Rs. 320 shall be reduced to Rs. 190. Where the existing contractual rent exceeds Rs. 320 and the Chukanidar proves collection of the same for more than 10 years, the Darchukani rent shall be fixed at Rs. 202-8 (or Rs. 152-8 + 25 + 25). Failing such proof, it shall be fixed at Rs. 190.

Where the Chukani rent is fixed at Rs. 170, the minimum rent for the Darchukani is Rs. 195 (or Rs. 170 + 25). But if the Darchukani rent be contractual and exceeds Rs. 195 but does not exceed Rs. 320, the maximum rent allowable to the Chukanidar shall be Rs. 207-8 (or Rs. 170 + 25 + 12-8); and rents ranging between Rs. 195 and Rs. 207-8 shall be retained, while those between Rs. 207-8 and Rs. 320 shall be reduced to Rs. 207-8. Where the existing contractual rent exceeds Rs. 320 and the Chukanidar proves collection of the same for more than 10 years, the Darchukani rent shall be fixed at Rs. 220 (or Rs. 170 + 25 + 25). Failing such proof, it shall be reduced to Rs. 207-8.

In the case of legally settled undertenants, where the existing rent is less than the rent payable under the sanctioned scale of profits, it shall be raised to the amount admissible under the sanctioned scale of profits.

In the case of *Krishiprajas*, where the existing rent is less than the rent payable under the sanctioned scale of profits the rent shall be raised to the amount admissible under the sanctioned scale of profits.

In the case of all future settlements of undertenants the rent shall be calculated on the basis of the classification of lands contained in the Terij and shall not exceed by more than the sanctioned scale of profits the rates at which the lessor's rent or revenue is calculated in the Terij. In the case of future settlements of tenants not paying revenue to the State, the proprietors of revenue-free and Mokarari Estates shall be entitled only to rents at the sanctioned rates of revenue based on the classification of lands contained in the Terij. These provisions shall apply to all holdings not shown in Terijes now under preparation.

Illustration.—For example, where the Jotedar's revenue is fixed at Rs. 100 and the Chukanidar's rent at Rs. 135 in respect of a certain area and that area is sublet to a Darchukani in the future, the Darchukani rent shall not exceed Rs. 160 (or Rs. 135 + 25). If, however, the Chukanidar's rent is contractual and is fixed at Rs. 152-8 as provided in illustration (1) above, the Darchukani rent shall not exceed Rs. 177-8 (or Rs. 152-8 + 25).

The realization of rent in excess of the rent legally payable is liable to the penalty imposed by section 69 of the Cooh Belur Tenancy Act. Naib Ahilkars are empowered to take action under that section *suo motu* or on simple petition or on reference from other Courts. The penalty imposed shall be recoverable under the Public Demands Recovery Act.

"7. *Krishiprajas (Cultivating Raiyats)*.—In the case of *Krishiprajas* (Cultivating Raiyats):—

- (a) The illegal tenancies discovered in the course of the present revisional operations shall be recognised and, except as regards rents payable which shall be governed by the orders now passed, shall possess the rights specified in the State Council Istabarnama dated the 2nd May 1918, relating to illegal settlements. As already announced in paragraph 5 of the Notification dated the 8th July 1925 published in the State Gazette (Extraordinary) dated the 9th July 1925, no *Krishipraja* will be required to pay Rs. 5 stamp for the recognition of his rights.
- (b) Where illegally settled tenancies of more than one grade exist, those of the lowest grade alone shall be recognised. If, however, the intermediate illegal tenants hold some lands in *khas* possession they shall be recorded as *Krishiprajas* under the legal tenants in respect of those areas alone and the old as well as the new rents shall be split up on the basis of the areas under different classes in *khas* possession of the occupants of each such holding.
- (c) Where an illegally settled tenant has sublet land by registered *patta* the tenant to whom the land is sublet shall be treated as *Krishipraja* provided that he holds land in *khas* possession, and the case of the illegally settled tenant so subletting shall be governed by the provisions of (b) above.
- (d) If in the case of a verbal tenancy under a Jotodar or a Chukanidar there has been an exchange of registered *patta* and *kabuliyat* since Khanapuri, such tenancy shall be treated as a legal Chukani or Darchukani, respectively. This provision will apply also to those cases only of the nature described in which there may be an exchange of registered *patta* and *kabuliyat* within two months from the date of publication of this Notification.
- (e) The percentages of profits shall be the same as in the case of legal undertenants of the corresponding grades, i.e., for this purpose a *Krishipraja* under a Jotedar shall be treated as a Chukanidar; one under a Chukanidar as a Darchukanidar, and so forth. If any *Krishipraja* be found under a Tasya-tuli-chukanidar the percentage of profit shall be raised to 65 in the case of such a tenancy.

"8. *Future illegal settlements of undertenants*.—In the event of any undertenure being created contrary to the provisions of the Cooch Behar Tenancy Act and of this Notification, such undertenure shall not be recognised but shall be annulled and the lease of the creator of such undertenure shall be liable to be cancelled by the Revenue Officer of the State and all the right, title or interest of the creator of such undertenure in the lands covered by the lease shall thereupon be extinguished, or if the Revenue Officer of the State sees fit he may inflict a fine not exceeding Rs. 500 in lieu of cancelling the lease of the creator of the undertenancy. Such fines shall be recoverable under the Public Demands Recovery Act.

Where the creator of such undertenure is a co-sharer, his right, title, or interest alone shall be liable to be extinguished and he alone shall be liable to the fine prescribed above.

In the event of any tenure being created by the proprietor of a revenue-free or Mokasari Estate contrary to the provisions of the Cooch Behar Tenancy Act and of this Notification such tenure shall not be recognised but shall be annulled and the creator of such tenure shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Rs. 500 by the Revenue Officer of the State. Such fines shall be recoverable under the Public Demands Recovery Act.

Failure to register *pattas* and *kabuliyats* within 12 months from the date of creation of a tenure not paying revenue to the State or an undertenure shall be treated as an illegal settlement for the purposes of this paragraph.

Naib Ahilkars and Additional Naib Ahilkars are empowered to enquire into such cases as are mentioned above either on application or *suo motu* or on reference from other Courts and they shall forward the papers with a statement of the case and their recommendations to the Revenue Officer of the State for the passing of orders.

In cases in which the right, title or interest in lands are extinguished as provided for above, the lands shall revert to the immediately superior landlord.

"9. *Registration of pattas and kabuliyats in the case of future settlements of tenancies.*—*Pattas* and *kabuliyats* shall be presented for registration within six months from the date of creation of a tenure not paying revenue to the State or an undertenure. Failure to comply with this order shall be punishable with fine not exceeding Rs. 50 for each month or part of a month commencing from the date on which the period of six months referred to above terminates. Naib Ahilkars and Additional Naib Ahilkars are empowered to deal with such cases either *suo motu* or on simple petition or on reference from other Courts. The proceedings shall be summary and the fines shall be recoverable under the Public Demands Recovery Act. In accordance with the orders contained in paragraph 8 no *patta* or *abuliyat* shall be accepted for registration after the expiry of 12 months from the date of creation of a tenure or an undertenure."

5. *Other important Notifications, publication of Ekwal-Jamabandis and disposal of objections.*—As a considerable time had elapsed since the completion of field work and the records were likely to be out of date by the time the Terijes would be distributed, the Regency Council were pleased to afford the parties an opportunity to have recorded all changes which had not been entered in the Settlement papers and also to point out mistakes, if any, in the calculation of the new *jamas* to be settled now. According to the recommendations of the Director of Land Records and Surveys, Bengal, the Ekwal-Jamabandis (rent and revenue rolls) were, therefore, published at convenient centres from the 20th November 1925 till the end of the year and objections made to any entry in the Ekwal-Jamabandi or omission therefrom were received during that period. In order to expedite the correction of records in the Settlement Office in the case of changes in names of occupants on account of death, transfer, surrender, new settlement, etc. the parties were also allowed to file unstamped petitions in the Settlement Office from the 9th July 1925. The Resettlement Notification dated the 8th July 1925 containing the provisions regarding the publication of Ekwal-Jamabandis and the disposal of objections and appeals was published, both in English and Bengali, in the State Gazette (Extraordinary) dated the 9th July 1925 and in the Gazettes dated the 13th and 27th July 1925. In that Notification it was announced that, in view of the ignorance generally of the illegally settled tenants, the Regency Council proposed, as a matter of grace, to waive the claim to the stamp fee of Rs. 5 per *hâl* or portion of a *hâl* prescribed in the State Council Notification dated the 2nd May 1918 for recognition of the rights of those tenants.

Under paragraph 6 of the Notification dated the 11th July 1925 where the contractual rent exceeds double the rent calculated under the sanctioned scale of profits, the immediately superior landlord shall be allowed double the sanctioned profit, provided that the contractual rent has been realised for more than 10 years, the burden of proving which shall be on the landlord. Failing such proof, the landlord shall be allowed a profit only 50 per cent in excess of that admissible under the sanctioned scale of profits. It is difficult to say, without enquiry in the presence of the parties concerned, in which of the cases of high contractual rents there is evidence of collection of more than 10 years. Such

an enquiry in the case of each tenancy with a high rent would greatly retard the progress of the Settlement work and also involve unnecessary harassment of parties. Hence to save time and trouble, in the rent-rolls under publication only 50 per cent extra profits were calculated in such cases, and in the general notices of publication of the rent-rolls issued Taluk by Taluk, the landlords were required to file unstamped petitions within the period of publication in the cases in which they claimed double the sanctioned profit under paragraph 6 of the Notification dated the 11th July 1925, so that the parties concerned might be summoned to convenient centres for examination of the evidence of collection by Assistant Settlement Officers in those cases alone. This fact and also the numerous changes owing to deaths, transfers, new settlement, surrenders, etc., since the completion of field work have been responsible for the large number of objections received.

The stamped applications for maps prescribed in the Circular Order No. 5 A, dated the 18th May 1915 and published in the State Gazette, dated the 9th August 1915 have not yet been filed by the holders of some interests including the cultivating raiyats (*Krishiprajnas*.) It has, therefore, been ordered in the Resettlement Notification dated the 18th December 1925 and published in the State Gazette dated the 11th January 1926 that if the stamp fees are not paid within a month from the date of service of the necessary notice in the Taluk comprising the interest in respect of which such fees are due, double the amount payable shall be recoverable under the Public Demands Recovery Act and that the defaulters will be given no Terijes and maps until those stamp fees are realised.

6. *Work done*.—The calculation of rents and revenue was started immediately after the issue of the orders contained in the Notification dated the 11th July 1925 and was completed during the year under report.

Ekwal-Ja nabandis of 2,09,105 interests comprised in 1,320 Taluks were published during the year.

As shown in statement IV, the total number of objections received during the year under the Notification dated the 8th July 1925 was 58,278 of which 5,887 were disposed of before the close of the year, the claims having been allowed in 3,730 cases and disallowed in 2,157 cases.

The statements I to III show the work done in the different sections at headquarters.

7. *Expenditure*.—The Budget Estimate for the year under report was Rs. 1,24,600 while the actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 82,192-2-6 leaving a surplus of Rs. 42,467-13-6.

8. *Receipts*.—During the year, Rs. 2,849-8-0 were realised in stamps and Rs. 1,418-6-0 as Copying fees, while the miscellaneous receipts amounted to Rs. 221-15-2 Copying was done by the paid staff.

9. *Remarks*.—As the final orders of the Regency Council relating to the resettlement of the land revenue of the State were issued during the year under report I should like to repeat the remarks which I made in last year's report regarding the work of the Settlement Officer, Babu Karali Charan Ganguli, namely, that he rendered valuable assistance to the Council in the framing of their proposals for the resettlement of the land revenue. The Assistant Settlement Officers, Kanungos and ministerial officers generally discharged their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
 YOUR HIGHNESS'
 Most obedient and humble servant,
 C. T. C. PLOWDEN,
 MAJOR,
 Vice-President, Regency Council,
 In the Settlement Department, Cooch Behar.

STATEMENT I.—Drawing Section.

Serial No.	Item of work.	Taluka.	Sheets.	Plots
1.	Correction of 16" original maps ...	53	56	
2.	Check of do., with necessary corrections...	36	85	
3.	Check and correction of Alamats in 16" original maps.	38	75	49,411
4.	Final boundary comparison, with necessary corrections.	94	193	
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1.	Revised areas extracted and converted into local units.	1,311	9,569
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STATEMENT III.—Terij Section.

1.	Opening of Khatians of new <i>Krishiprajas</i> ...	10,785	khatians.
2.	Opening of Ekwals for do. ...	10,120	tenancies.
3.	Wholesale correction of Ekwals ...	2,05,630	"
4.	Check of do. ...	2,12,817	"
5.	Jamabandi calculation ...	2,09,105	"
6.	Check of do. ...	2,09,105	"
7.	Malikana ...	2,09,105	"
8.	Determination of rents payable ...	2,09,105	"
9.	Check of do. ...	2,09,105	"
10.	Rearrangement and renumbering of Ekwals ...	4,652	"
11.	Terij writing (one copy) ...	4,652	"
12.	Check of do. ...	139	"
13.	Correction of records according to Bandobasti Nathis received from the Revenue Department.	121	cases.
14.	Check of do. ...	121	cases.

STATEMENT IV.—Case Work.

Nature of cases.	Number of cases.				
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Instituted during the year.	Total for disposal during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.
Objections	53,278	53,278	5,887	47,391
Appeals	7	7	...	7*

*Instituted towards the end of the year. Six of them have since been disposed of.

KARALI CHARAN GANGULI,
Settlement Officer, Coosah Behar.

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FROM

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TO

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 31st August, 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Administration of Civil Justice in the State for the year 1925-26 together with the Annual Statements Nos. 1 to 11.

2. *Charge.*—Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., was in charge of the office of the Civil and Sessions Judge of the State throughout the year.

The following table shows the names of the officers who held charge of the different Subordinate Judicial posts during the year under review:—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Srijut Narendra Prosad Ray, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.
Do. ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer.	From 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.
Do. ...	" Narendra Nath Roy, B.L., Deputt Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.
Tufangunj ...	" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April to 2nd June 1925, and again from 18th June 1925 to 23rd Feb. 1926.
Do. ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 3rd to 17th June 1925 and again from 24th February to 31st March 1926.
Dinhata ...	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.
Do. ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April to 1st June 1925, 20th June to 2nd Oct. 1925, & 7th to 32nd Feb. 1926.
Mathabhanga ...	" Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.
Do. ...	" Himadri ulabhi Bhowmik, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.
Mekligunj ...	Maulavi Basley Rahman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1925 to 31st March 1926.

3. *Institution of original suits.*—The number of original suits instituted during the last four years is shown below:—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits.	Total.
1922-23 ...	1,499	7,318	1,653	10,364
1923-24 ...	1,565	7,098	1,717	10,380
1924-25 ...	1,846	7,364	1,597	10,807
1925-26 ...	1,888	7,550	1,478	10,916

The decrease of 170 suits in the year under report as compared with the previous year falls mainly under Small Cause Court Suits.

4. *Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.*—The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institutions of suits in each of the several Courts in the State:—

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge ...	.....	9	2	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge ...	.....	15	156	.....	.....	44
Treasury Officer ...	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	.....	1	66	.....	.....	11
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	8	.....	.....	153	.....	22
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	4	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	37	.....	.....	157	.....	84
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	1	.....	11	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	.....	16	3	.....	.....	8
Total ...	54	41	247	311	.....	119

5. *Classification of suits.*—As will be seen from statement No. 2, out of a total of 10,657 suits, 2,556 were suits on bonds and other obligations, damages &c., 7,520 were Rent Suits, 575 were for land and other immovable property and 6 related to matrimonial rights.

6. *Execution cases.*—The number of applications for the execution of decrees filed during the last four years is shown in the table given below:—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1922-1923 ...	1,221	4,335	823	6,379
1923-1924 ...	1,250	4,999	836	7,085
1924-1925 ...	1,254	5,363	801	7,418
1925-1926 ...	1,213	5,055	800	7,108

The number of applications filed during the year under report shows a decrease of 310 as compared with the previous year.

7. *Miscellaneous cases.*—The number of miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below:—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1924-25.	1925-26.	1924-25.	1925-26.
Civil ...	852	850	4	4
Rent ...	802	785	10	75
Small Cause Court ...	82	73	...	...
Total ...	1,236	1,208	14	79

8. *Certificate cases.*—The number of applications for Certificates of Guardianship under Act VII of 1921 was 18 against 26 of the previous year showing a decrease of 8 only and the number of applications for Succession Certificates under Act V of 1898 was 45 against 46 of the previous year showing a decrease of 1 only.

9. *Probate cases.*—The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 11 against 3 of the previous year showing an increase of 8 only.

10. *Institution of suits in Subordinate Courts.*—The following table shows the number of institutions of original suits in each of the Subordinate Courts:—

(1.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	...	...	2,781
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata ...	...	...	2,574
(3.) Assistant Civil Judge ...	...	...	2,500
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	...	...	1,488
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	...	...	1,150

11. *Disposal of suits.*—The disposal of original suits in the State during the last four years is shown in the statement given below:—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court	Total.
1922-1923 ...	1,457	6,931	1,613	10,001
1923-1924 ...	1,502	6,917	1,742	10,161
1924-1925 ...	1,615	7,934	1,621	11,210
1925-1926 ..	1,583	7,325	1,435	10,343

The total number of original suits disposed of shows a decrease of 867 as compared with the previous year.

12. *Disposals in Subordinate Courts.*—According to the number of disposals the Subordinate Courts are arranged in the following order:—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge ...	...	...	2,396
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata ...	...	...	1,677
(3.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	...	...	1,665
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	...	...	1,447
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	...	...	1,114
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	...	...	1,066
(7.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinbata ...	...	...	851
(8.) Maloutchery Naib Ahilkar ...	...	...	53
(9.) Treasury Officer ...	...	...	17

13. *Contested Suits.*—The following table compares the disposal of contested original suits in the State during the last four years:—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1922-1923 ...	143	299	164	606
1923-1924 ...	139	317	139	595
1924-1925 ...	181	301	111	593
1925-1926 ...	133	271	88	542

The total number of contested suits decided was 542 being a little less than one-twentieth of the entire number of suits disposed of. The steady falling off in the number of disposals of contested suits is unsatisfactory and the Subordinate Courts will be asked to show a better outturn of work in future.

The disposals of contested cases by each Subordinate Court are shown below :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	...	...	...	...	119
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	...	...	...	...	140
(3.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	...	...	...	...	68
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	...	...	...	68
(5.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	...	...	...	61
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	...	...	...	...	48
(7.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	...	...	...	...	46
(8.) Debutter Naib Ahilkar	...	...	...	...	6
(9.) Treasury Officer	...	...	...	...	4

14. *Average duration of suits.*—The table given below shows the average duration of suits in the Subordinate Courts:—

Names of Courts.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge	5 26	1 22	3 8	1 17	0 28	0 19
Treasury Officer	5 20	2 10	.....	1 17	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	6 0	2 16	2 23	1 12	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	6 10	2 4	4 5	1 19	2 10	1 12
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	4 29	2 19	4 15	2 9	1 3	1 2
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	8 26	2 17	4 6	1 28	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	6 16	3 7	5 19	2 2	2 21	1 21
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	6 15	2 29	5 28	2 9	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	4 10	1 22	3 29	1 27	1 23	0 25

The duration was longest in the Court of the Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata and shortest in that of the Assistant Civil Judge. The figures are on the whole disappointing and the attention of the Subordinate Courts is being drawn to the unusual delay in the disposal of civil and rent suits.

15. *Value of suits.*—Out of the total number of original suits disposed of, 115 were for claims not exceeding Rs. 5 in value, 1,378 or about one-seventh were for claims exceeding Rs. 5 but not exceeding Rs. 20; 2,926 or a little less than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50; 2,800 or a little above one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100; 2,931 or a little less than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 186 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000; 50 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000; 5 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 5,000 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000; 2 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 10,000 but not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000.

16. *Pending suits.*—The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 1787 against 1473 of the previous year showing an increase of 314. Of the number pending 73 were more than six months and 14 more than a year old. These figures cannot be considered satisfactory.

17. *Summary procedure.*—The Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Dinahata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj tried Small Cause Court suits valued at Rs. 100 and less and the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj up to Rs. 20 in value in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Small Cause Courts Act.

18. *Disposal of Execution cases.*—The statement given below shows the disposal of execution cases during the last four years:—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1922-1923	1,269	4,222	802	6,293
1923-1924	1,264	4,710	858	6,832
1924-1925	1,241	5,322	739	7,352
1925-1926	1,209	5,274	850	7,333

The total number of execution cases disposed of shows a decrease of 19 as compared with the previous year.

19. *Disposal of Miscellaneous cases.*—The table given below shows the disposal of miscellaneous cases during the last two years:—

	Judicial.		Non Judicial.	
	1923-25	1924-26.	1924-25	1925-26.
Civil	364	332	4	4
Rent	803	742	66	67
Small Cause Court	86	68	.....	.....
Total	1,253	1,142	70	71

20. *Local enquiry.*—Including the cases that remained pending at the close of the previous year 79 cases required local enquiry during the year against 86 of the previous year. 79 cases were enquired into against 70 of the previous year. No case remained pending against 16 of the previous year. The amount of Amin's fees realised was Rs. 820 against Rs. 1,005 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 185 and Rs. 53-8 was realised on account of fees for service of notices issued by the Civil Court Amin as in the previous year.

21. *Work of the Civil Judge's Court.*—The table given below shows the work of the Civil Judge's Court during the last three years:—

YEARS.	ORIGINAL SUITS.				EXECUTION CASES.				MISCELLANEOUS CASES.			
	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1923-1924	14	61	60	15	26	66	63	29	12	89	79	22
1924-1925	15	57	49	23	29	60	50	33	22	91	92	21
1925-1926	23	50	57	16	33	71	67	37	21	93	103	12

22. *Appeals.*—The following table shows the total of Regular and Miscellaneous appeals preferred in the Civil Judge's Court during the last three years:—

1923-24	84
1924-25	85
1925-26	87

(a) The results of appeals for the last three years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1923-1924 ...	100	42	29	8	8	13
1924-1925 ...	98	24	26	13	9	26
1925-1926 ...	113	42	20	9	21	21

(b) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial Officers :—

Names of Judicial Officers.	DETAILS OF DISPOSAL.							REMARKS.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on de-fault.	Compromised.	Total disposed of.	
Srijut Nogendra Prasad Roy, B.L. ...	6	...	1	...	...	...	7	
„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L. ...	6	1	1	5	1	...	14	
„ Himadribullabh Biswas M.A., B.L.,	11	7	1	6	...	...	25	
„ Dukshina Ran'an Dhar, B.L. ...	3	2	1	1	2	...	9	
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L.,	6	4	2	2	1	...	15	
„ Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L....	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafa, B.L. ...	5	3	1	1	...	...	10	
Moulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L. ...	4	3	2	1	...	...	10	
Total ...	42	24	9	17	4	...	92	

23. *Finance.*—The receipts and disbursements are shown under the several heads :—

Receipts.

I. *Stamp duty.*—The table given below shows the receipts under the head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1922-1923 ...	...
1923-1924 ...	1,49,265
1924-1925 ...	1,52,598
1925-1926 ...	1,66,963
	1,59,954

The decrease of Rs. 7,009 is due to decrease in the number of institutions.

II. *Process fees.*—The amount of process fees &c., realised during the year was Rs. 38,258 against Rs. 38,339 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 81.

III. *Fines and forfeitures.*—The amount realised during the year was Rs. 820 against Rs. 546 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 284.

IV. Amin's fees.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years:—

					Rs.
1922-1923	...	...	...	...	642
1923-1924	...	...	...	...	917
1924-1925	...	...	...	...	1,015
1925-1926	...	...	...	...	805

V. Other receipts including copying fees.—These amounted to Rs. 6,374 against Rs. 5,972 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 402.

The total receipts under the above heads amounted to Rs. 2,06,221 against Rs. 2,12,835 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 6,614.

Disbursements.

I. Salary.—The salary of Judicial Officers amounted to Rs. 17,149 against Rs. 17,015 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 134.

II. Establishment charges.—The establishment charges amounted to Rs. 20,680 against Rs. 20,124 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 556.

III. Process service.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 14,103 against Rs. 13,104 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 999. This is chiefly due to the grant of Grain Compensation allowance.

IV. Contingencies.—Contingencies amounted to Rs. 8,948 against Rs. 7,098 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,850. This is chiefly due to the provision of Rs. 1,500 for construction of Record-room racks.

V. Amin's establishment.—The cost under this head amounted to Rs. 1,370 against Rs. 1,288 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 82.

VI. Unforeseen.—A sum of Rs. 464 was spent under this head during the year under report.

The total expenditure was Rs. 62,714 against Rs. 59,124 of the previous year.

The net receipts of the Civil Department amounted, therefore, to Rs. 1,43,607 against Rs. 1,53,711 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 10,204.

24. Copying Department.—The total amount of copying fees realised during the year was Rs. 5,587 against Rs. 5,449 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 138. Out of the total receipts Rs. 2,701 was credited to the State and the balance of Rs. 2,886 was distributed among the copyists.

The following table shows the number of copyists employed in each Court with the average monthly income of each copyist:—

Names of Courts.		No. of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.		Remarks.
				Rs.	A. P.	
Sudder	...	3 *	1 .	27	3 8½	
Tufanganj	...	1	•	18	0 0	
Dinhat	...	2	1	26	9 7	
Mathabhanga	...	2	1	31	9 1	
Mekliganj	...	1	.....	24	7 6	

25. *Records.*—During the year under report records of 15,322 cases were received in the Sudder Record-room as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.	Remarks.
Civil Judge ...	805	94	899	Civil Original Suits ... 91 Civil Appeals 67 Civil Misc. 147 Rent Original Suits ... 19 Rent Appeals 72 Rent Misc 8
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	628	2,697	3,325	From April 1922 to March 24.
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do. ...	704	4,081	4,785	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	704	4,011	4,715	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	286	1,812	2,098	

26. *Character.*—The Subordinate Judicial Officers worked on the whole satisfactorily, but greater vigilance on their part is required in the direction of shortening the duration of cases. Their attention has been drawn to this matter and it is hoped that their work will in future show an improvement in this respect.

The subordinate staff worked satisfactorily.

I have the honor to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1924-1925.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles	Population.
Sudder Sub-division ...	Kotwali Station ...	284	1,32,334
Tufanguhj ditto ...	Fulbari ditto ...	223	82,943
Dinhata ditto ...	Dinhata ditto ...	270	1,48,183
Mathabhanga ditto ..	Mathabhanga Station } Sitalkhuchi, I. O. P. }	334	1,41,372
Mekligunj ditto ..	Mekligunj Station...	197	87,634

(B)

*Return showing the number of Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State
for the year 1925-1926.*

CIVIL.		REVT.		Total.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original.	
1	10	1	10	22

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-1926.

COURTS.	RECEIPTS.					CHARGES.							
	Stamps (1)	Process fees. (2)	Fines and Forfeitures.	Amoan's fees.	Other receipts. (3)	TOTAL.	Salary of Judicial officers.	Re-establishment.	Process serving.	Contingent (4)	Amoan's Relievement.	Unforeseen.	TOTAL.
Civil Judge's Court	Rs. A. P. 14,941 8 0	Rs. A. P. 1,714 0 0	Rs. A. P. 397 0 9	Rs. A. P. 40 0 0	Rs. A. P. 2,227 11 1	Rs. A. P. 19,340 3 10	Rs. A. P. 7,200 0 0	Rs. A. P. 6,037 6 10	Rs. A. P. 8,749 15 9	Rs. A. P. 6,455 2 2	Rs. A. P. 1,369 15 6	Rs. A. P. 464 6 6	Rs. A. P. 30,276 15 9
Sudder Subordinate Courts	31,718 7 9	8,291 12 0	.....	385 0 0	131 8 0	40,536 11 9	4,200 0 0	3,967 6 4	.....	171 10 4	.....	.....	3,369 0 8
Teofanganj Courts	14,070 5 3	3,859 4 0	9 0 0	75 0 0	203 13 9	17,717 7 0	883 14 10	2,009 5 4	1,040 10 2	236 4 0	.....	.....	4,230 2 4
District	24,178 2 0	3,912 0 0	224 5 0	105 0 0	1,637 6 9	45,063 14 9	1,595 4 5	3,258 15 0	1,399 4 0	747 2 8	.....	.....	7,210 16 8
Mohakulanga	43,917 0 0	10,347 12 0	166 0 0	150 0 0	1,549 13 5	56,180 9 5	2,195 4 5	3,270 15 8	1,712 7 9	836 3 0	.....	.....	6,973 14 10
Mohamud	21,102 2 9	5,035 12 0	23 11 0	50 0 0	623 11 3	27,449 5 0	2,075 0 0	2,125 11 11	1,200 15 7	393 0 0	.....	.....	4,783 11 0
TOTAL	1,46,469 10 9	38,248 8 0	606 0 9	605 0 0	6,374 0 3	2,06,221 3 9	17,149 7 8	20,679 13 1	14,103 5 2	2,947 7 9	1,369 15 6	464 6 6	6,774 7 9

(1) This includes searching fees and fees for information.

(2) This includes sale-fees.

(3) This includes witness' diet-money, copying fees, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c. &c.

(4) This includes remuneration to copyists travelling and Ticos Mohurers pay &c., &c.

Receipts
Charges
Balance

Rs. A. P.
2,06,221 3 9
65,714 7 9
1,40,506 12 0

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Judicial Member, Registry Council,
Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

H. L. KHASIGIR,
Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Civil Department, Cochin Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-1926.

CIVIL COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration closed.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Dismissed on confession.	Dismissed ex parte.	Referred to arbitration.	CONTESTED.		Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.		
													Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.					Contested.	Uncontested.	
CIVIL.																					
Civil Judge	22	43	...	65	16	3	3	1	8	...	26	...	...	12	1	49	16	18	1	0	8
Assistant Civil Judge	77	324	11	401	...	...	49	...	44	64	124	...	...	21	...	37	78	...	6	0	26
Treasury Officer	6	4	...	21	...	3	3	...	1	...	6	...	...	4	...	14	7	...	...	0	20
Deputy Naib Ahlikar	1	...	7	439	...	...	79	...	59	...	163	...	...	...	...	391	93	...	...	0	6
Naib Ahlikar, Tebhanganj	10	409	...	370	142	...	25	...	3	...	66	...	...	30	7	164	61	...	...	0	10
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	26	239	...	370	...	...	16	...	...	...	53	...	...	23	17	93	45	...	...	0	25
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	42	11	...	193	...	...	25	...	...	...	74	...	...	15	4	16	60	...	...	0	8
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	30	305	...	425	219	...	46	...	2	...	115	...	...	12	1	240	61	...	...	0	16
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	62	219	...	301	...	...	29	...	24	24	72	...	...	8	1	161	35	...	...	0	10
Naib Ahlikar, Mekliganj	31	166	...	196	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	4
TOTAL	377	1,659	433	2,469	432	4	275	6	178	241	692	2	2	142	41	1,583	454	39	9	...	...
RENT.																					
Civil Judge	1	7	...	8	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	8	226	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge	143	1,719	...	1,869	15	...	...	...	104	584	602	...	...	67	2	1,628	...	...	...	...	...
Treasury Officer	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Naib Ahlikar	33	...	15	52	...	...	3	...	1	14	26	...	...	...	...	49	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Tebhanganj	77	69	...	767	...	...	71	...	85	158	285	...	...	...	...	612	137	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	159	2,032	...	2,546	1,94	...	283	...	...	253	642	...	...	42	9	1,236	212	...	...	...	...
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	240	24	1,098	1,362	385	...	111	...	...	180	44	...	...	43	6	758	219	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	112	1,910	...	2,022	1,408	...	16	...	24	278	173	...	...	23	3	515	93	...	...	...	...
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	186	52	1,408	1,638	...	...	13	...	125	468	687	...	...	20	6	1,425	303	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mekliganj	57	1,112	...	1,69	...	...	145	...	141	156	680	...	...	18	9	1,81	88	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	992	7,650	2,914	11,426	2,914	...	1,833	11	487	2,462	3,459	3	...	235	36	7,325	1,197	54	5	...	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO RS. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge	25	457	...	482	1	...	96	2	12	174	147	...	...	21	1	461	20	...	...	0	26
Naib Ahlikar, Tebhanganj	5	61	...	66	...	...	22	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	2
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	23	283	...	305	...	...	69	...	5	47	133	...	...	12	7	273	32	...	...	0	1
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	45	476	...	521	...	...	99	...	39	116	180	...	...	24	6	413	75	...	...	0	2
Naib Ahlikar, Mekliganj	7	211	...	216	...	...	63	...	12	33	87	...	...	9	1	206	13	...	...	0	1
TOTAL	104	1,478	...	1,862	1	...	349	2	70	373	551	2	...	67	21	1,435	146	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	1,473	10,557	3,947	18,477	3,947	4	1,657	19	735	2,676	4,702	6	2	441	96	3,943	1,767	79	14	...	...

H. L. KHANNA,
Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-1926.

Value of suits	CIVIL SUITS.										RENT SUITS.										SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 100.										Grand Total.
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Treasury officer.	Deputy Magistrate.	Dinabha.	Methabanga.	Mekliganj.	TOTAL.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Treasury officer.	Deputy Magistrate.	Toofangunj.	Dinabha.	Methabanga.	Mekliganj.	TOTAL.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinabha.	Methabanga.	Mekliganj.	TOTAL.								
Not exceeding Rs. 500	1	...	2	3	...	22	...	...	7	51	7	14	110	3	1	1	2	4	11						
Ditto " 500	...	10	5	1	2	5	1	38	...	198	2	5	101	382	191	173	1,047	116	52	34	45	43	293								
Ditto " 100	...	17	4	1	14	87	7	201	...	565	...	13	91	653	499	291	2,112	193	...	111	221	83	613								
Ditto " 500	...	24	1	...	18	88	20	208	...	474	1	16	271	487	540	285	2,074	149	...	127	172	70	513								
Ditto " 1,000	...	216	4	2	223	307	128	1,024	...	857	...	15	146	403	678	306	1,907	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Ditto " 5,000	...	40	...	...	3	9	3	60	...	17	...	...	6	16	25	12	76	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Ditto " 10,000	42	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Ditto " 1,00,000	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exceeding " 1,00,000	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	49	307	14	4	261	396	161	1,583	8	1,628	3	49	622	1,994	1,040	1,081	7,325	461	53	273	413	206	1,435								
	10,313							

H. L. KHARSEN,
Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Civil Dept., Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-26.

CIVIL COURTS.	APPLICATIONS TO EXECUTE DECREES.				APPLICATIONS DEPOSED OF.		PENDING.		NATURE AND NUMBER OF CLAIMS IN WHICH OBJECTIVE PROCEEDS ISSUED.				APPLICATION FOR INTERVIEW.					
	Pending at the beginning of year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Satisfied or.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	More than six months.		Total pending.	Possession.	Against the person.		Movable property.		Immovable property.	
									More than twelve months.	Total pending.			Arrest.	Imprisonment.	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.
Civil.																		
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	30	59	...	89	54	4	58	...	6	1	31	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	87	218	...	345	108	147	255	...	4	...	90	...	13	...	...	...	...	...
Treasurer Officer	2	2	...	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Naib Ahlikar,	52	947	...	5	...	4	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Tuduangui	61	128	...	299	87	169	249	...	8	...	51	...	47	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dindaba	17	85	...	215	68	114	170	...	4	...	45	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dindaba	32	154	...	102	16	32	43	...	7	...	23	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhangs	38	164	...	18	41	108	149	...	4	...	37	...	56	...	...	...	...	...
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhangs	15	13	...	192	58	105	163	...	3	...	34	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhangs	...	...	...	143	35	81	116	...	4	...	26	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Total	310	1,313	25	1,579	443	705	1,209	23	41	3	314	87	135	4	613	141	236	165
Naib.	3	13	...	15	9	...	9	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	387	1,043	...	1,389	577	517	1,097	...	21	...	232	46	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	11	11	...	22	11	7	18	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Treasurer Officer	37	80	...	117	54	43	96	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Naib Ahlikar	78	349	...	417	218	164	378	...	...	...	71	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Tuduangui	276	643	...	1,262	641	477	1,018	...	...	...	243	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dindaba	283	767	...	1,053	321	244	445	...	...	...	69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dindaba	185	568	...	753	341	240	621	...	...	...	270	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhangs	278	947	...	1,245	52	89	1,011	...	...	...	132	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhangs	79	301	...	670	343	25	69	...	...	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhangs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,609	5,035	330	6,983	2,787	2,437	5,274	330	228	16	1,320	323	267	5	3,343	59	3,332	1,795
Naib.	23	384	...	308	35	218	283	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	4	5	...	13	2	7	9	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Tuduangui	38	279	...	243	25	174	203	...	...	...	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dindaba	46	268	...	310	46	234	270	...	...	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Additional Naib Ahlikar, Dindaba	1	93	...	91	13	73	86	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhangs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	104	880	...	984	120	730	850	...	...	...	114	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand total	2,008	7,108	345	9,476	3,550	3,983	7,333	363	268	19	1,778	410	517	9	4,346	538	4,356	1,990

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Civil Dept., Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 6.

Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil Courts of the Coosh Behar State for the year 1925-1926.

COURTS	Pending from last year	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	DISPOSED OF.		Transferred.	PENDING.		Total pending.	AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.		Remarks
					Contested.	Uncontested.		More than six months.	More than 12 months.		Contested.	Uncontested.	
Civil													
Chief Judge, Coosh Behar	19	85	•	107	19	78	97	.....	.....	10	4	12	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge, Coosh Behar	16	52	.....	68	6	49	55	.....	.....	12	3	20	2 5
Treasury Officer	...	2	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 7
Deputy Magistrate	...	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	2 10
Magistrate	7	29	.....	36	5	18	23	.....	.....	12	3	21	2 0
Magistrate, Teohungun	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	2 2
Magistrate, Dinkata	4	30	.....	34	9	12	21	.....	.....	14	4	6	2 2
Assistant Magistrate, Dinkata	4	30	.....	34	4	12	17	.....	.....	5	5	1	2 2
Magistrate, Mathabnagar	15	46	.....	61	7	42	49	.....	.....	10	4	2	2 12
Assistant Magistrate, do.	4	30	.....	34	6	23	29	.....	.....	12	5	20	2 20
Magistrate, Mathabnagar	2	35	.....	37	2	25	27	.....	.....	8	4	0	1 20
Total	74	350	2	424	59	273	332	1	.....	90	.....	.....	.....
Magistrate													
Civil Judge, Coosh Behar	2	5	.....	7	.....	5	5	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2 10
Assistant Civil Judge, Coosh Behar	20	107	.....	127	7	160	167	.....	.....	29	2	2	1 11
Treasury Officer	...	3	.....	3	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 12
Deputy Magistrate	...	12	.....	12	1	16	16	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1 20
Magistrate, Teohungun	...	44	.....	51	3	33	36	.....	.....	15	3	13	1 27
Magistrate, Dinkata	19	112	.....	131	28	65	93	.....	.....	89	4	15	2 5
Magistrate, do.	22	71	.....	93	7	49	56	.....	.....	22	2	13	2 10
Magistrate, Mathabnagar	40	120	.....	160	9	117	126	.....	.....	24	2	4	1 24
Assistant Magistrate, do.	22	107	.....	129	8	143	151	.....	.....	32	4	5	1 27
Magistrate, Mathabnagar	31	91	.....	122	2	84	86	.....	.....	34	2	20	1 29
Total	129	706	12	902	65	677	742	14	.....	232	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge													
Assistant Civil Judge, Coosh Behar	2	15	.....	17	1	12	14	.....	.....	3	0	20	0 12
Magistrate, Teohungun	...	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 2
Magistrate, Dinkata	6	24	.....	30	3	26	29	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	2 21
Magistrate, Mathabnagar	1	22	.....	23	3	17	20	.....	.....	3	2	20	1 20
Magistrate, do.	1	7	.....	8	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 2
Total	10	72	4	86	4	64	68	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL	271	1,304	20	1,499	128	1,074	1,168	15	.....	267	.....	.....	.....

H. L. KRISHNA,
Judicial Member, Deputy Council,
Coosh Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-1926.

APPELLATE COURTS	Pending at the beginning of year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	DISPOSED OF.							Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Or. Rule 72, of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS.
					Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.					
Civil Side	13	32	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	6	7	24	4	41	4	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Miscellaneous side.	2	6	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	6	2	.....	.....	.....
Total	15	38	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	6	8	26	7	47	6	.....	.....	.....
Bent side	8	31	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	3	9	13	4	29	10	.....	2	1	
Ditto, Miscellaneous	3	18	21	4	3	3	6	16	5	
Total	11	49	60	4	3	12	16	10	45	15	2	1	
Grand Total	26	87	113	4	9	20	42	17	92	21	2	1	

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Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 8.

Statement showing the nature of Miscellaneous cases instituted and disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-1926.

NATURE OF CASE.	CIVIL.										SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO Rs. 100.									
	JUDGE.					SADDAR.					TEOPAN-GRAJ.					MATHA-CHANGA.				
	Total.		Instituted.		Disposed of.	Total.		Instituted.		Disposed of.	Total.		Instituted.		Disposed of.	Total.		Instituted.		Disposed of.
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.		Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	
1. Applications to verify and affirm suits.	1	1	21	24	0	11	24	0	11	24	0	11	24	0	11	24	0	11	24	0
2. Claims and objections.	2	2	2	2	13	0	10	0	10	0	13	0	10	0	13	0	10	0	10	0
3. Enforcement of judicial process.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Prayers applications.	1	1	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Suits under Act VII of 1921.	15	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Suits under Act V of 1906.	45	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Probate cases.	11	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other miscellaneous suits.	19	9	29	20	7	5	6	4	25	23	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
8. Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-judicial nature.	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL.	22	101	55	57	21	23	43	29	94	58	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26

Non-judicial

Total Instituted ... 79

Total Disposed of ... 71

Total Pending ... 10

Judicial.

Total Instituted ... 1,208

Total Disposed of ... 1,145

Total Pending ... 337

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Judicial Member, Regency Council,

Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 9.

Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1925-1926.

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Cooch Behar.				
CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE'S OFFICE.				
Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B. L., Civil and Sessions Judge.	House in the town ...	.....	.....
" Bishnu Charan Majumdar, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Bhabesh Chandra Banerjee, 2nd Clerk	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Ramani Mohan Chakravarti, Peshkar	Chukani in Sudder ...	Jointly with his brothers.	.....
" Kishori Ranjan Ray, Record-keeper.	.....	.....	.....
" Kumud Bandhu Sarkar, Bakiat Mohurir.	.....	.....	.....
" Basanta Kumar Bhattacharjee, Comparing Clerk.	.....	.....	.....
Priya Nath Ghosh, Execution Mohurir ...	House in the town ...	.....	.....
" Satis Chandra Das Gupta, Nazir...	Ditto ...	Jointly with his brothers.	.....
Munshi Aftab Uddin Khandakar, Naib Nazir.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
ASSISTANT CIVIL JUDGES' OFFICE.				
Srijut Narendranath Prasad Roy, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	Jotes and Chukanies in the Sudder, Dinbata, Mathabhanga and Tufangunj.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....
Srijut Anukul Chandra Das, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ..	.....	.....
" Hem Chandra Bhattacharjee, Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Gopal Chandra Dey, Mohurir	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Mohurir	Ditto ...	Jointly with his brothers.	.....
" Mohim Chandra Laskar, Mohurir.	Jote & Chukani in Sudder.	Ditto.	.....
" Uma Nath Pal, Bakiat Mohurir (Rent).	Chukani in Sudder ...	.....	.....
" Debendra Nath Barua, Mohurir.	A Jote in Sudder ...	.....	.....
Tufangunj.				
" Pran Nath Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	One basha in the Tufangunj town.	.....	.....
" Manoranjan Roy, 2nd-Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Satis Chandra Goon, 3rd Clerk ...	.....	.....	.....
" Lalit Mohan Banerjee, Accountant.	.....	.....	.....
" Dharendra Nath Roy, Mohurir, Accounts Dept.	One basha in the Tufangunj town.	.....	.....
" Harendra Nath Bose, Civil Mohurir.	One basha in the Tufangunj town.	.....	.....
" Nabakumar Brahma, Rent Suit Mohurir.	Ditto. ...	.....	.....
" Golak Chandra De, Poddar ...	A native Jotedar ...	.....	.....

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-1926.

NAMES OF COURTS.		Number of process issued.	Process-service fees.	Number of process served.	Salary of Nasir and Process-servers.	Daily average of distances travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
<i>Civil.</i>			Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		
Civil Judge's Court	...	4,422	1,293 3 0	4,358	8,749 15 9	7.5 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...	1,529	1,304 8 0	1,482			
Toofangunj	...	1,593	1,259 4 0	1,512	1,040 10 2	5.73 "	
Dinhata	...	1,522	1,281 4 0	1,439	1,399 4 0	9.25 "	
Mathabhanga	...	2,212	1,736 12 0	1,896	1,712 7 9	7.7 "	
Mekligunj	...	1,014	881 0 0	964	1,200 15 7	6.6 "	
<i>Rest.</i>							
Civil Judge's Court	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...	5,736	5,253 8 0	5,604			
Sadder Rent Suit	...	1,811	1,648 4 0	1,731			
Toofangunj	...	6,981	6,267 4 0	6,603			
Dinhata	...	7,907	6,752 4 0	6,609			
Mathabhanga	...	3,240	3,742 8 0	3,127			
Mekligunj	...						
<i>Small Cases Courts.</i>							
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	...	1,150	834 4 0	1,127			
Toofangunj	...	117	95 4 0	117			
Dinhata	...	778	561 0 0	717			
Mathabhanga	...	1,249	989 8 0	1,179			
Mekligunj	...	374	317 4 0	362			
		41,005	34,177 4 0	37,827	14,103 5 3		

H. L. KHASTGIR,
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Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

H. L. KHASTGIR, Esq., RAI BAHADUR, M.A.,
*Judicial Member, Regency Council, in charge
Registration Department, Cooch Behar.*

TO

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 14th July 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1925-26. The usual Annual Returns Nos. I to X are hereto appended.

2. *Charge.*—Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., remained in charge of the office of Registrar of Deeds throughout the year.

3. *Changes among the Sub-Registrars.*—The following table shows the personnel of Sub-Registrars in the several Registration offices in the State:—

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employments.
Sudder	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April, 1925 to the 31st of March 1926.
Dinhat	„ Dakshina Ranjart Dhar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	Ditto.
Mathabhanga	„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Sub-Registrar	Ditto.
Mekligunj	Moulavi Raslay Rahaman Sarker, B. L., Sub-Registrar.	Ditto.
Tufangunj	Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April 1925 to the second of June 1925 and from the 18th of June 1925 to the 23rd of February 1926.
Ditto	„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L. Offg. sub-Registrar.	From the 3rd to the 7th of June 1925 and from the 24th of February to the 31st of March 1926.

4. *Variations as regards documents, compulsory and optional.*—Table No. I compares the numbers of documents, compulsory and optional, presented for registration during the year under report with those of the year previous. The number of deeds, the registration of which is compulsory, was 12,512 against 12,111 of the year preceding, showing an increase of 401 deeds and that of deeds of which registration is optional, was 7,814 against 7,400 of the year previous, showing an increase of 414 deeds.

5. *Variations as regards the different kinds of documents presented for registration.*—Table No. II compares the numbers of documents of different kinds presented for registration during the year under report with those of the year previous. The total number of deeds of all classes presented for registration during the year under report was 20,326 against 19,511 of the year preceding, showing an increase of 815 deeds.

6. The increases and decreases under the different heads are shown below :—

Increases.—

Usufructuary mortgages	...	...	...	...	108
Sales	...	...	...	...	600
Gifts	...	...	...	...	61
Simple mortgages	...	...	...	...	230
Obligations for payment of money	...	...	...	...	84
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	55
Total	...	...	...	...	1138

Decreases.—

Leases	...	...	...	...	320
Wills	...	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	...	323

7. *Variations as regards the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*—The following table compares the number of documents presented for registration at each of the different offices during the year under report with that in the year preceding :—

Names of Offices.	No. of deeds presented for registration.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1924-25.	1925-26.		
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	5,286	5,675	389	.....
Dinhata office	4,570	5,100	530	.....
Mathabhanga do.	3,868	3,871	3	.....
Mekligunj do.	2,403	2,429	26	.....
Tufangunj do.	3,384	3,251	.....	133
Total	19,511	20,326	815	.....

8. *Number of documents actually registered.*—Of the 20,326 deeds presented for registration 33 were refused registration and 27 were pending at the close of the year, and the remaining 20,266 deeds were actually registered. Besides these, 4 of the documents which had been pending registration from the previous year, were admitted to registration during the year under report. Thus the total number of deeds actually registered during the year was 20,270.

9. *Progress in the work of copying.*—Of the 20,270 deeds admitted to registration none remained uncopied at the end of the year.

10. *Registration by the Registrar of Deeds.*—The Registrar of Deeds registered 24 deeds in the year under report against 27 of the previous year, yielding fees amounting to Rs. 257-4 against Rs. 192-12 in the previous year.

11. *Registration under the Companies Act.*—There was no registration under the Companies Act during the year under report. The Cooh Behar Commercial Association Ltd., voluntarily wound up its business during the year.

12. *Appeals and petitions.*—Including the 3 petitions which remained pending at the end of the previous year, there were altogether 4 petitions under Section 73 of the Registration Act, before the Registrar for disposal during the year under review. None of these remained pending at the close of the year.

13. *Receipts.*—The total receipts under all heads during the year amounted to Rs. 21,967 against Rs. 20,138-12 of the year previous, showing an increase of Rs. 1,828-4.

14. *Disbursements.*—The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 13,526-5-11 against Rs. 13,236-5-9 of the year preceding, showing an increase of Rs. 290-0-2.

15. *Net gain to the State.*—The net balance received by the State during the year was Rs. 8,440-10-1 against Rs. 6,902-6-3 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,538-3-10.

16. *Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.*—All the Sub- Registrars were remunerated by commission at 25 per cent on the fees collected, the total commission earned by the Sub-Registrars of Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekliganj being equally divided among them as before.

17. *Conduct of officers.*—All the Sub-Registrars and the ministerial staff generally worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servant,

H. L. KHASTGIR,

*Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Registration Department, Cooch Behar.*

I.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.

YEARS.				Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees realised on documents presented for registration.		
1924-1925	...	...	...	12,111	7,400	19,511	Rs.	A.	F.
1925-1926	...	...	...	12,512	7,814	20,326	18,913	8	0
							19,614	4	0
Increase	...	...	...	401	414	815	1,300	12	0
Decrease	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

II.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different classes presented for registration in 1924-25 and 1925-26.

YEARS.				Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1924-1925	...	...	...	6,974	494	7,263	182	2,830	437	17	1,374	19,511
1925-1926	...	...	...	6,654	542	7,863	243	3,060	521	14	1,429	20,326
Increase...	...	...	...	...	108	600	61	230	84	...	55	815
Decrease	...	...	...	320	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...

III.—Table shewing the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.

OFFICES.				Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudler Sub-Registrar's offices	...	...	...	2,004	76	2,058	39	897	130	11	462	5,675
Dinhat office	...	...	...	1,746	23	2,060	71	684	167	2	347	5,100
Mathabhanga do	...	...	...	1,208	70	1,508	57	573	148	1	306	3,871
Mekligunj do	...	...	...	340	359	1,074	44	493	25	...	94	2,429
Tufangunj do	1,356	14	1,165	22	413	51	...	220	3,251
Total	6,654	542	7,863	243	3,060	521	14	1,429	20,326

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IV.—Table showing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1925-1926.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS						Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns.
	Registration, Copying and Searching fees &c.	Fines &c	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Salary of and Commission to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registration.	Total.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.		
Registrar's and Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	Ra. A. P. 6,059 11 0	Rs. A. P. 169 8 0	Rs. A. P. 6,209 3 0	Rs. A. P. 3,101 2 4	Rs. A. P. 958 13 6	Rs. A. P. 1,447 6 9	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 5,507 6 7	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 701 12 5	Rs. A. P. 701 12 5
Dinabeta ...	3,083 14 0	75 12 0	5,159 10 0	1,113 13 1	71 7 0	1,044 8 5	.....	2,229 12 6	.....	2,929 13 6	2,929 13 6
Mathabhanga ...	4,217 6 0	130 8 0	4,347 14 0	920 0 0	93 10 6	1,014 8 5	.....	2,058 2 11	.....	2,289 11 1	2,289 11 1
Malliganj ...	3,279 6 0	141 8 0	3,420 14 0	925 8 6	111 14 0	1,014 8 5	.....	2,081 14 11	.....	1,338 15 1	1,338 15 1
Talaganj ...	2,779 7 0	50 0 0	2,829 7 0	906 6 9	55 0 0	687 10 3	.....	1,649 1 0	.....	1,140 6 0	1,140 6 0
Total ...	21,393 13 0	567 4 0	21,967 0 0	6,966 14 8	1,290 13 0	5,268 10 3	13,526 5 11	8,440 10 1	8,440 10 1

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V.—Table showing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.

Leases.		Simple mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Usufructuary mortgages.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.
...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.	...	Rs. A.
...	...	6	77 12	16	165 0	1	7 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7 8	24	257 4

VI.—Table showing progress in the work of copying.

OFFICERS.	Deeds copied.	Deeds re- mained to be copied.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub- Registrar's offices.	5,656	.....	Refused ... 5 Pending registration ... 14
Dinbata	5,089	.....	Refused ... 5 Pending ... 6
Mathabhanga	8,857	.....	Refused ... 11 Pending ... 3
Mekligunj	5,423	.....	Refused ... 9 Pending ... 1 Pending deeds of previous year admitted ... 4
Toofangunj	3,215	.....	Refused ... 3 Pending ... 3

VII.—Abstract statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1925-1926.

OFFICERS.	NUMBER OF DEEDS PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Salary and percentage on fees received by Sub-Registrar.	Refund of fees.	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's & Sudder Sub- Registrar's Offices ...	3,366	2,409	9,32,833	6,309 2 0	3,101 2 4	1,447 6 9	.....	968 13 6
Dinbata	3,363	1,337	4,98,713	5,159 10 0	1,113 13 1	1,044 8 5	.....	71 7 0
Mathabhanga	2,339	1,332	5,57,417	4,347 14 0	930 0 0	1,044 8 5	.....	93 10 6
Mekligunj	1,573	767	4,71,871	3,430 14 0	635 8 6	1,044 8 5	.....	111 14 0
Toofangunj	1,573	1,379	3,41,339	2,339 7 0	906 6 3	687 10 3	55 0 0
TOTAL ...	12,513	7,814	23,31,669	21,987 0 0	6,966 14 8	5,263 10 0	1,290 13 0

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VIII.—Comparative statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipts and disbursements for the year 1924-25 and 1925-26.

Years.	Number of deeds registered.		Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Salary and percentage on fees.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Total Expenditure.	Balance received by the State.
	Compulsory.	Optional.							
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1924-25 ...	12,111	7,4 0	20,138 12 0	7,02 10 3	4,884 15 0	1,328 12 6	.....	13,226 5 9	8,902 4 3
1925-26 ...	12,512	7,814	21,967 0 0	6,966 14 8	5,268 10 8	1,29 13 0	.....	13,536 5 11	8,440 10 1
Increase ...	401	414	1,824 4 0	.....	341 2 8	.....	.....	290 0 2	1,538 3 10
Decrease ...	...	...	.....	51 11 7	.....	37 15 6	.....	.....	.....

IX.—Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the orders of the Sub-Registrars.

OFFICES.		No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Budder ...	...	.. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinhata ...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Mathabharga ...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...
Mekligunj ...	...	2	...	...	2	2	...	2	...
Toofangunj ...	...	... ..	...	1	1	...	1	1	...
Total ...	...	3	...	1	4	3	1	4	...

X.—Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.

Leases.	Unfructuary Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
.32	.02	.88	.01	.15	.02	.0006	.07

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FROM

THE AUDIT OFFICER OF THE STATE,
COOCH BEHAR.

TO

HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI SAHEBA,
PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 17th August, 1926.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1925-26 and to append the following Statements which will afford all the materials necessary for an appreciation of the financial situation in the year under report as compared with that in the year 1924-25 :—

- (1) Comparative Statement of Revenue and expenditure of the State for the years 1924-25 and 1925-26.
- (2) Comparative Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the State for the years 1924-25 and 1925-26.
- (3) Ledger Balance of the accounts with the Cooch Behar State as they stood on the 31st March 1926.

2. The total aggregate revenues anticipated in the Revised for the year under report were Rs. 37,84,658, but the actuals of the year came up to Rs. 38,66,879 thereby showing an increase of Rs. 82,221. Again, the Revised Estimate provided for payments aggregating Rs. 41,80,395 but actual payments brought to account during the year amounted to Rs. 40,61,331 resulting in a saving of Rs. 1,19,064. The anticipated deficit of Rs. 3,95,737 in the Revised Estimate was thus reduced, when the actuals were brought to account, to a sum of Rs. [3,95,737 - (82,221 + 1,19,014)] = Rs. 1,94,502.

3. The actual revenue and expenditure for the year under report and the important fluctuations under the various heads as compared with those of the preceding year are discussed below :—

A.—REVENUE.

The revenue of the year 1925-26 amounted to Rs. 38,66,879 against Rs. 37,07,055 of the previous year showing a net drop of Rs. 40,186. The decrease occurred mainly under the following heads :—

I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—

- | | Rs. |
|--|---------|
| () <i>Sundries</i> .—Due mainly to the exclusion of the abnormal item included in the actuals of 1924-25, of Rs. 16,808 representing the balance of the Resettlement Fund credited to this head. | —15,343 |

III.—MISCELLANEOUS.—

- | | |
|---|--------|
| () <i>Public Works</i> .—Due mainly to smaller receipts in the Artisans School on account of sale of manufactured articles | —8,079 |
|---|--------|

